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Charges filed in Bulger death

Feds accuse three inmates of beating Boston mob boss in W.Va. prison in 2018

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

A mob hitman from Springfield and two other inmates have been indicted for the brutal beating death of Boston mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger in a West Virginia prison in 2018, federal authorities said Thursday.

Springfield mobster Fotios "Freddy" Geas, 55, Paul J. DeCologero, 55, another gangster from Lowell, Massachusetts, and Sean McKinnon, 36, originally from Montpeiler, Vermont, were all charged Wednesday with conspiracy to commit first degree murder, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's office in West Virginia said in a statement issued shortly after 5 p.m. Thursday.

All three were imprisoned with Bulger at the Hazleton federal prison in Bruceton Mills, West Virginia, the spokeswoman said.

The 89-year-old Bulger, who became one of the nation's most powerful gangsters in part by being a secret FBI informer, was so badly beaten that he was left for dead and was almost unrecognizable when found on the floor of a prison corridor. Geas and DeCologero had reputations for hating informers.

The U.S. Attorney's office in West Virginia said Geas and DeCologero are accused of beating Bulger and causing his death in October 2018, hours after he had been transferred to the high security federal prison and released into general population. In addition to conspiracy, the two are charged with aiding and abetting first-degree murder and assault resulting in serious bodily injury.

Geas faces a separate charge of murder by a federal inmate serving a life sentence.

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Fotios "Freddy" Geas has been charged in the 2018 slaying of James "Whitey" Bulger. **AP FILE**

"I was very taken aback by the sentence, 65 years, I thought that ... it was appropriate and just and I'm just glad we got what we had asked for." *—Keith Margotta, brother of Connie Dabate, who was murdered in 2015*

Cindi Margotta looks skyward outside Rockville Superior Court on Thursday after Richard Dabate was sentenced to 65 years for the killing of her daughter, Connie Dabate, two days before Christmas in 2015. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

Dabate sentenced to 65 years in 2015 'Fitbit murder' of wife

Judge decries 'brutal' act, decides on lengthy sentence amid family's pleas

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

Richard Dabate, the Ellington man who was found guilty of murdering his wife in a case dubbed the "Fitbit murder," was sentenced Thursday to 65 years in prison — a sentence that led Connie Dabate's family to say they felt justice had finally been served after nearly seven years and prompted her 84-year-old mother to lift her hands up and smile toward the sky outside the courthouse.

Dabate was convicted by a jury in May of fatally shooting his wife and crafting a story that a camouflage-clad intruder broke into the home he shared with his wife and their two young sons, shot Connie Dabate in their basement and tied him up in their kitchen just two days before Christmas in 2015.

Prosecutors introduced weeks worth of evidence and witness testimony, pinning a fair amount of weight on data from Connie Dabate's hip-worn Fitbit that contradicted her husband's timeline of the alleged home invasion and evidence of his extramarital affairs, including one with a woman who was pregnant with his child at the time of the murder.

Before handing down her sentence, Judge Corinne Klatt said that Dabate was not the victim of a home invasion, but rather the perpetrator of cold-blooded crimes.

Connie Dabate's murder, she said, was "brutal, calculated and it was an incomprehensible act" that was committed "at the hands

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Trump affidavit redactions ordered

Judge leans toward disclosure by giving DOJ 1-week deadline

By Terry Spencer and Michael Balsamo
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A federal judge on Thursday ordered the Justice Department to put forward proposed redactions as he committed to making public at least part of the affidavit supporting the search warrant for former President Donald Trump's estate in Florida.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart gave prosecutors a week to submit a copy of the affidavit with proposed redactions for the information it wants to keep secret after the FBI seized classified and top secret information during a search on Aug 8. at Mar-a-Lago.

Thursday's hearing was convened after several news organizations, including The Associated Press, sought to unseal additional records tied to the search, including the affidavit.

Ruling from the bench, Reinhart said it was "very important" that the public have as "much information" as it can about the search noting that there were portions of the affidavit that "could be presumptively unsealed."

"Whether those portions would be meaningful for the public or the media," Reinhart added, was not for him to decide. He acknowledged that the redaction process can often be extensive and effectively turn documents into "meaningless gibberish."

The affidavit is likely to contain key details about the Justice Department's investigation examining whether

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Tweed revamp wins key approval

Significant hurdles still remain for the airport

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

NEW HAVEN — Tweed-New Haven Airport won a critical approval this week for an ambitious expansion aimed at establishing Tweed as Connecticut's second major airport alongside Bradley International, an effort already being boosted by the success of start-up Avelo Airlines.

The Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority Wednesday voted 9-4 to lease roughly a third of the 437-acre airport to the longtime operator of Tweed, Avports — over the objections of authority members from East Haven.

Avports, part of Goldman Sachs, plans to invest $100 million in an expansion that would include a longer runway and a larger, $45 million terminal. The 43-year lease approved by the authority covered the amount of time Avports estimated it would take to recoup its investment at Tweed.

"Almost two years ago, we started working on this proposal and so, I think, last night was a victory in moving forward on delivering on the promise we made to the people of southern Connecticut," Sean Scanlon, executive director of the airport authority, said Thursday.

The expansion has been heavily aimed at giving air travelers in the New Haven and Fairfield counties an alternative to the larger, New York airport and even Bradley.

Since it launched in November, Avelo has drawn 250,000 passengers, Scanlon said, and a further expansion of Tweed would aid economic development in the region.

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Tweed-New Haven Airport won a critical approval for a $100 million expansion that would include a longer runway and a larger, $45 million terminal. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

July hiring burst in state cuts unemployment to 3.7%

A seven-month hiring stretch remained unbroken in July as employers added 6,500 jobs, led by local government and construction, the state reported Thursday. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT

Justices reverse rape conviction against Waterbury man

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

The Connecticut Supreme Court ordered a new trial for a Waterbury man who was convicted of rape after a judge allowed the prosecution — during his trial — to change the date they claimed the crime took place, eliminating his alibi defense.

The decision by Justice Andrew McDonald said there are circumstances in which there is justification for allowing prosecutors to amend charging documents to change the date on which they claim a crime occurred.

But in the rape case, the court said in a unanimous decision, the prosecutors knew two to four weeks prior to trial that the dates in the criminal information were wrong and they should have informed the accused, Bernard J. Peluso, at that point so his defense could react.

Peluso is in prison and can argue for his immediate release. He was convicted of multiple sexual assault and abuse crimes and began serving an 12-year sentence in January 2015. His lawyer, James Sexton, would not discuss the case.

Peluso was accused of abusing the minor daughter of a neighboring family in his apartment at the condominium complex where he and the neighbors lived. Years after the abuse, the victim told a school mate, and Peluso was eventually charged when the allegation reached school administrators and police.

The victim initially told police she was abused in 2010 and 2011. But as long as a month before trial, while preparing with the prosecution, she said the abuse took place years earlier. At trial, she testified it took place when she was in third grade, in 2008 and 2009.

Peluso, who was charged with offenses that took allegedly place in 2010 and 2011, asked for an immediate acquittal. Prosecutors asked the judge to allow them to change the dates on the charging documents they filed with the court at the beginning of jury selection about three weeks earlier. Peluso protested that he had planned a defense based on the fact that he didn't live in the condominium in 2010 and 2011.

In arguing that the date change was justified and did not interfere with Peluso's trial rights, the prosecution claimed he knew he was accused of crimes during the period in which he lived in the condominium, regardless of the specific year. And they said it is well-established that the memories of children, in particular those who have experienced abuse, can be imprecise.

The trial judge agreed, as did the state Appellate Court. The Supreme Court threw out the conviction and sent the case back to the trial court.

"By focusing their respective good cause analyses principally on (the victim's) age — and the deficiencies in minor victims' testimony regarding dates, generally — the state, the trial court and the Appellate Court were distracted from the central question to be addressed," the Supreme Court said.

"The relevant inquiry is not whether the state had good cause to amend the information at any point in time in light of the minor victim's age and more specific trial testimony regarding the timing of the alleged abuse," the court said. "Rather, the relevant inquiry is whether the state had good cause to amend its information after the start of trial, notwithstanding the fact that it had first become aware — two to four weeks before the commencement of trial — that the time frame alleged in its information was inaccurate."

Tweed

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"If you look at any other successful, growing regional area of the country, they all have one thing in common: they have a growing airport," Scanlon said.

Scanlon also represents Guilford and Branford in the state House and is running for comptroller.

New Haven owns the airport, but a portion of the airfield is in East Haven. The expansion is of concern to East Haven because the new terminal would be built in East Haven.

The city of New Haven last year backed a lease extension that would clear the way for the expansion, but the Tweed plan still faces significant hurdles.

A study to determine what, if any, effects there would be on the environment and wildlife is in process. The study will be considered by the Federal Aviation Administration, which still must give final approval to the expansion.

Those decisions could come early next year, Scanlon said.

Neighbors in New Haven who live adjacent to Tweed also say they are upset about the expansion, given the increase in noise and traffic they've already experienced as Avelo has ramped up service.

On Thursday, East Haven Mayor Joseph Carfora said Wednesday's vote was rushed without time for East Haven to consider the implications for the lease.

"East Haven takes it on the chin while we inherit all the traffic, transient population, parking headaches, ecological strip-mining, noise, pollution and additional burden on our already-taxed public safety departments that will come with this project," Carfora said, in an email, "while giving New Haven most of the economic benefit."

Carfora said East Haven has hired special counsel for the issue and the town is evaluating all land, environmental and taxation issues related to the expansion, noting "East Haven is not afraid of a street fight."

Scanlon said the authority will continue to work with East Haven and neighbors surrounding Tweed to resolve their concerns.

Avports has said it plans to spend $5 million on measures to reduce noise, traffic and environmental concerns in the surrounding area.

The expansion plans for Tweed call for a new, 70,000-square-foot terminal with four gates, plus an option to expand to six.

The main runway would be extended to accommodate aircraft with larger passenger capacities, which more airlines are now favoring.

Extending the runway also would permit landings in bad weather without having to lighten the weight carried by an arriving plane. Now, if a runway is wet, landing aircraft must either ask a certain number of passengers to get off the plane or cancel the flight. A wet runway requires more time for an airplane to safely stop.

Passenger count are critical to airline decisions about which airports they serve.

The extension of the runway was the target of legal battles for more than four years by those worried about noise, traffic and other quality-of-life ills that a larger airport could bring to the surrounding neighborhood.

Trump

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Trump retained and mishandled classified and sensitive government records.

The DOJ did not immediately respond to Reinhart's ruling, but privately, officials said they were shocked by the decision. The agency adamantly opposed making the affidavit public, arguing that doing so would compromise its ongoing investigation, would expose the identities of witnesses and could prevent others from coming forward and cooperating with the government.

The attorneys for the news organizations, however, argued that the unprecedented nature of the DOJ investigation warrants public disclosure.

"You can't trust what you can't see," said Chuck Tobin, a lawyer representing the AP and several other news outlets.

Reinhart also agreed to make public other documents, including the warrant's cover sheet, the Department of Justice's motion to seal the documents and the judge's order requiring them to be sealed.

Those documents showed the FBI was investigating the "willful retention of national defense information," the concealment or removal of government records and obstruction of a federal investigation.

Jay Bratt, a top Justice Department national security prosecutor, had argued that the affidavit should remain hidden from the public. Unsealing it, he said, would provide a "road map" of the investigation — which is in its "early stages" — and expose the next steps to be taken by federal agents and prosecutors.

He argued it was in the public interest for the investigation, including interviews of witnesses, to go forward unhindered.

As the hearing began, vehicles with Trump flags drove past the federal courthouse in West Palm Beach, Florida. An attorney for Trump, Christina Bobb, was in the courthouse but said she was only there to observe.

Bratt argued in court that even a redacted version of the document could reveal investigative steps or create the ability for sleuths or those being eyed in the investigation to identify witnesses in the case.

Bratt also contended that the Justice Department had already gone to rare lengths to bring transparency, including making a request for the court to unseal the warrant and property receipt, which were made public last week.

"There is heightened interest," he conceded.

Trump, in a post on his Truth Social platform last week, called for the release of the unredacted affidavit in the interest of transparency.

Reinhart gave the government until next Thursday to submit its version with the proposed redactions.

He said he would then review it and may meet lawyers for the government and give them a chance to make an argument for why specific information should be withheld.

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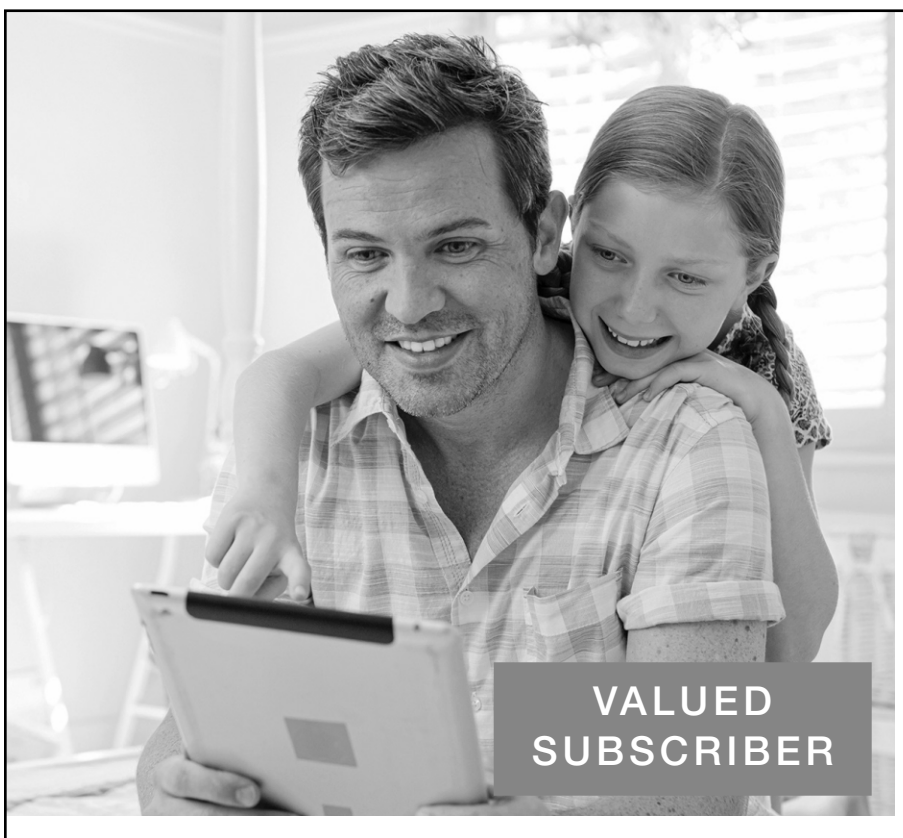

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State ups drought response for New London, Windham counties

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Gov. Ned Lamont on Thursday increased Connecticut's drought response for New London and Windham counties as potential threats endanger water supplies, agriculture and ecosystems.

The two jurisdictions were designated as Stage 3, identifying a "moderate drought" based on an assessment of precipitation, surface water, groundwater, reservoirs, soil moisture, vegetation and fire danger conditions.

Residents and businesses are asked to reduce, to the extent possible, water use. The last Stage 3 designation in Connecticut was in October 2020.

All other counties in Connecticut will remain in Stage 2 that Lamont declared on July 14. At that level, notice is given of an emerging drought intended to boost awareness. Level 4 indicates a severe drought and stage 5 is an extreme drought.

The governor blamed conditions on climate change.

"Connecticut continues to experience the impacts of climate change with this exceptionally dry summer, and while the entire state is experiencing drought conditions, we are seeing the most severe of those conditions right now in the areas of New London and Windham counties," he said.

Jim Smith, a co-owner of Cushman Farms in Franklin, a family-owned dairy farm with 1,800 cows, said in early August he was hauling 27,000 gallons of water a day to make up for the rain deficit.

"It's an added expense," he said. "It's frustrating. The northeast corner has done very well with rain. The southeast corner and central (Connecticut) ... we've missed a lot of the storms."

In contrast, last year was wet, with deluges of rain at the rate of 4 inches an hour, causing erosion, Smith said.

The U.S. Drought Monitor for Connecticut says the eastern part of the state is in extreme drought. Under those conditions, crop loss is widespread, Christmas tree farms are stressed, dairy farmers are struggling financially and business increases for well drillers and bulk water haulers, the Drought Monitor said.

The remainder of eastern Connecticut and northern areas are in severe drought and Fairfield County and parts of the shoreline are experiencing moderate drought.

The National Weather Service is forecasting a chance of showers Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, but no soaking rain is expected.

Meteorologist Kevin Cadima of the National Weather Service in Norton, Massachusetts, said dry conditions are likely to continue into mid-September.

"We've got to rely on thunderstorms. It can be hit or miss," he said.

The extreme drought is affecting Rhode Island, much of eastern Massachusetts and eastern Connecticut near Rhode Island, he said.

He blamed a "lot of high pressure in the upper levels of the atmosphere" with thunderstorms mostly north and west of Connecticut.

Residents and businesses are asked to reduce watering lawns, recreational and athletic fields, gardens or other landscaped areas.

Residents and businesses are asked to postpone planting new lawns or vegetation, to fix leaky plumbing, to take shorter showers and run dishwashers and washing machines with full loads, shut off water while washing dishes and avoid washing vehicles or power-washing homes and other buildings.

Water should not be used to to clean sidewalks, driveways and roads, and public water should not fill residential swimming pools.

Dabate

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of a person who at one point vowed to love and protect her."

Klatt sentenced Dabate to 60 years for his wife's murder, five years for tampering with evidence and one year for giving a false statement to police for a total of 65 years to be served.

State's Attorney Matthew C. Gedansky said Thursday that Dabate's crimes were part of "a selfish, cowardly evil plan" that Dabate plotted for months "just because he didn't want to look bad." The prosecutor said Dabate's motive was his fear that his girlfriend's pregnancy would result in Dabate's "worst nightmare" of getting divorced, losing his house, friends and reputation and becoming a "black sheep."

Gedansky recommended a sentence of 60 years — a length the judge ended up surpassing after family and friends of Connie Dabate begged the judge to grant their family peace of mind by keeping the 46-year-old behind bars for the rest of his life.

For more than two hours on Thursday morning, Connie Dabate's family and friends told the Rockville Superior Court judge about the "life sentence" of grief they're serving following Dabate's murder.

One by one, more than 10 of her loved ones described years of anguish, anxiety, depression, panic attacks, sorrow, stress, and sleeplessness that have plagued them since Dec. 23, 2015. They implored the judge to hand down the maximum sentence; Connie's sister, Leslie Garabedian, asked Klatt to sentence her former brother-in-law to three lifetimes in prison for the three lives she claims he stole: her sister's and the lives of the Dabates' two young sons who she said will endure a lifetime of anguish.

Garabedian, who with her husband has custody of the Dabate boys, 13-year-old Connor and 15-year-old RJ, said the children are still grieving the loss of their mother, are tortured by their father's role in the crimes and are terrified of a stranger murdering them like their father told them happened to their mother.

The family of Connie Dabate gathers to speak with media outside Rockville Superior Court after the sentencing of Richard Dabate on Thursday. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

Dabate has stuck to a story that he came home to find an intruder in an upstairs bedroom the morning of the murder. He heard his wife come home and yelled to warn her, but the intruder ran to the basement after Connie Dabate and shot her, he said.

Dabate, who has been in custody in lieu of a $5 million bond since his conviction in May, was free on bond for more than six years as he awaited trial. During that time, the family claims he spent all of the couple's estate, which they claimed at trial was mainly earned by Connie Dabate, leaving just $6.24 for their boys to inherit.

Just after 10 a.m. Thursday, Dabate was brought into a crowded courtroom wearing tan pants, a maroon button-down shirt and ankle shackles just above his dress shoes.

Dabate, who took the stand in his own defense during his five-week trial, was often reactive as his wife's family begged the judge to sentence him to a life behind bars.

He shook his head, mouthed things like "No, I did not," let his jaw drop and raised his eyebrows as the family made claims that, since his arrest, he had tortured them with threatening messages and a lack of remorse.

Dabate's defense attorney, Trent LaLima, asked the judge not to consider those claims and said his team denied those things ever happened.

Klatt said she was only considering the trial and the jury's decision when sentencing. She also addressed LaLima's worry that the years between the crimes and the trial would be held against his client. Klatt told the court that she would never penalize a defendant for seeking their right to a trial.

LaLima asked the judge to hand down a minimum sentence with some sort of conditional release. He asked the court to consider Dabate's lack of criminal history, compliance with conditions of his bond when handing down the sentencing, which he said should be lower than 50-60 years.

LaLima also asked the judge to consider the six years Dabate was free on bond.

"The six years he walked free awaiting trial should be considered not as some sort of gift to Mr. Dabate but as a start to the punishment," he said.

Richard Dabate's parents, sister and at least three other family members begged the judge for leniency in her sentencing, calling Dabate a helpful, loving, family man.

After they were finished with their brief statements, Dabate took the opportunity to speak, prefacing that he was "going to make it quick."

He told the judge he was an innocent man who had waited years to tell his side of the story, and that he was "a victim of those who seek victory over truth."

He said he plans to fight his conviction.

"I will never stop seeking justice for my wife Connie who I love and think of every day, and I will never stop seeking justice for myself," he said.

During their lengthy and emotional statements, Connie's friends and family also told the judge about the type of person she was: a devoted mother, a prankster, a positive force that encouraged her friends to look on the bright side, a best friend to her mother.

"I can't replace Connie in your lives, if I could order that I would certainly do it," said Klatt.

Speaking outside the courthouse after the sentencing, Connie's loved ones — with yellow sunflowers and photos of Connie pinned to their chest — said they were relieved to hear the judge hand down a sentence that was longer than they expected.

"I was very taken aback by the sentence, 65 years, I thought that ... it was appropriate and just and I'm just glad we got what we had asked for," said her brother, Keith Margotta.

Connie's mother, Cindi Margotta, lifted her hands to the sky and said she felt the comfort of her daughter shining down on them.

The Dabate case was hard fought on both sides — attorneys questioned and cross examined more than 130 witnesses and introduced more than 600 pieces of evidence over a five-week period. After each side delivered impassioned closing arguments, jurors spent only a few hours deliberating before returning their verdict that same day.

Dabate's defense team has already stated that they will appeal the conviction.

"We are confident in the end Rick Dabate will prevail," LaLima said outside the courthouse, adding that they were disappointed in the outcome that day.

He said the next step will be the appeal, mentioning his doubts that data from Connie's Fitbit was reliable enough to be introduced in court. Fitbits and devices like them, he said, rely on "generalized data" that he thinks should not hold up in court.

On Thursday, before the victim impact statements were read, the defense argued a few motions before Klatt, asking for a judgment of acquittal, to vacate the verdict and for a new trial.

They brought forth their concerns about the Fitbit data.

"I think without that evidence the case would likely go differently," LaLima said in court.

LaLima also told the judge he didn't believe there was sufficient evidence to convict his client, that the state disproved Dabate's statements rather than proving him guilty and that prosecutors didn't prove that he created or fabricated any evidence.

He said that certain arguments made by Gedansky, like that Dabate was "a ticking time bomb," had "a massive, massive impact" on Dabate's reputation with the jury and that he found some of Gedansky's lines of questioning to be inflammatory.

Gedansky countered that the defense was making "just another attempt to re-litigate" the case and that the motions had no basis, "except for dramatic effect today and maybe personal attacks on me."

Judge Klatt responded that there was "voluminous" evidence in the case that allowed the jury to come to a logical and reasonable conclusion that Dabate committed all the offenses.

She said Thursday that considering the trial as a whole, none of Gedansky's behavior would have "infected the integrity of the trial."

She denied all the motions.

In final words from the family outside the courthouse, Garabedian said that she couldn't even fathom how she would deliver the news to her sister's sons that their father was sentenced to 65 years.

That the yearslong saga was, for now, finally over. But she said that her family is close and strong and would get through it together as they have every day for nearly seven years.

Bulger

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McKinnon is charged separately with making false statements to a federal agent.

Geas remains incarcerated at the federal prison at Hazelton. DeCologero is being held at an undisclosed location elsewhere in the federal prison system. McKinnon had been released and was arrested Thursday in Florida, the spokeswoman for the West Virginia U.S. Attorney said in the statement.

There was nothing in the statement about why Bulger's death went uncharged for almost four years, or why he was released into general population. At the time of his death, law enforcement sources said Bulger, whose health was deteriorating and who was confined to a wheelchair, chose to be confined in general population rather than requesting protected status, which would have limited his freedom of movement and contact with other inmates.

Federal law enforcement officials in West Virginia could not be reached on Thursday night.

Bulger, who was serving a life sentence for 11 murders and a variety of other crimes, had survived at least one prison murder attempt before his transfer to the West Virginia penitentiary. He was convicted after a sensational, monthslong trial in Boston that laid out, in detail, how the Irish mob boss from South Boston arranged a deal with corrupt FBI agents that guaranteed his rise to top of the New England underworld.

In return to giving federal agents the evidence they needed to arrest his underworld rivals, Bulger was tipped in return to who was informing on him — and many of them became his victims.

Geas has been the top suspect in Bulger's murder since discovery of the aging gangster's battered body. He was — and still is — serving multiple life sentences for, among other crimes, two murders, a murder conspiracy and an attempted murder, after once-trusted mob partners informed on him. Offered the chance to reduce his sentence by becoming an informer himself, Geas told federal prosecutors he'd rather spend the rest of his life in prison.

"He is vicious, absolutely vicious," retired Massachusetts State Police Det. Lt. Steve Johnson, an organized crime expert who worked on the cases that sent both Geas and Bulger away for life, once said. "There really is no way to describe him other than an absolute animal."

Organized crime investigators describe Geas as a ruthless killer affiliated with the New York-based Genovese crime family, which dominates the rackets in upstate New York and western Massachusetts. The Genovese Springfield operation has been involved in gambling and loansharking in Hartford for decades and in recent years. its interests in Hartford have expanded.

On the other hand, Springfield defense lawyer Daniel D. Kelly, who has represented Geas for years, has called Geas one of the "most personable" people he knows.

"If I introduced him to you as an insurance broker, you wouldn't doubt me," Kelly said during an interview at the time of Bulger's death. But he said Geas' hatred of informers was well known

When Geas was looking at multiple life sentences for multiple murders, Kelly said one of Geas' mob partner and co-defendants sent a back-channel message informing him that the partner was negotiating a cooperation deal and that Geas shouldn't worry because it would be a package deal that included him.

"He turned it down in like two seconds flat," Kelly said. "The idea that he would cooperate with the government and become a rat for some kind of consideration? He wouldn't even consider it."

The government made a similar offer and Geas dismissed it, too, Kelly said.

Geas, 51, grew up in West Springfield. He was sent to prison for life in 2011 following a sensational federal trial in New York that also convicted, among others, the acting Genovese Boss Arthur Nigro and Geas' younger brother Ty, 46.

The highlight of the trial was the 2003 murder of the cigar-chomping, Springfield Genovese capo Adolfo "Big Al" Bruno, who was riddled with bullets as he left his weekly card game at his Springfield social club, the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society.

The Bruno hit was sanctioned by Nigro, who complained Bruno wasn't sending New York enough of what he raked off Springfield rackets. As a Greek, Geas could not become a sworn member of the Italian mafia. But he did the next best thing, which was become partners with Anthony Arillotta, the gangster the family had decided would replace Bruno.

When the case went to trial, Arillotta and Frankie Roche, another killer recruited by Geas, rolled over, testifying in exchange for leniency that Geas set up and took part in the hit. It was Arillotta who offered to include Geas in a leniency deal.

Geas also was found guilty of killing Springfield area drug dealer Gary Westerman, who was beaten with bats, shot and buried in a makeshift grave. He was convicted of the attempted murder of a New York union officer, who survived nine gunshots, and of conspiring to murder Springfield drug dealer Guiseppe Manzi, who somehow emerged unscathed from a burst of machine gun fire at a Springfield intersection.

Bulger had survived at least one other murder attempt. At the Arizona prison where he was first sent after his conviction in 2013 for 11 murders and dozens of other crimes, another inmate stabbed him in the neck with a pen.

After the attack, Bulger was transferred to the high-security prison at the Coleman penitentiary complex in central Florida. But Bulger was transferred again when prison officials considered assigning former Patriarca crime family boss Francis "Cadillac Frank" Salemme to Coleman.

Prison officials feared violence because Salemme knew that Bulger and his former partner, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, had been informing to the FBI about him and his mafia associates for decades.

Authorities with knowledge of the events said a decision was made to move Bulger because he was suffering from deteriorating health.

His heart was said to be failing and he was using a wheelchair to get around.

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Biden enjoys respite from doubters

String of wins quiets qualms in party over 2nd term — for now

By Will Weissert and Zeke Miller
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President Biden speaks before signing the Inflation Reduction Act on Tuesday. **DOUG MILLS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden and his allies hope big recent wins on climate, health care and more will at least temporarily tamp down questions among top Democrats about whether he will run for reelection.

That optimism may be short lived, at risk if and when former President Donald Trump announces another White House campaign. But for now, the "will he or won't he" Washington parlor game appears to be on hold.

"I think the naysayers are pretty quiet right now," said former Democratic Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe. "I think they've seen reality."

In just the past several weeks, Biden has signed into law a climate and prescription drug package that accomplishes many of his party's long-held objectives; Congress has sent him bills that impose strict limits on guns and set out a plan to boost U.S. high-tech manufacturing. A drone strike killed al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahri, average gasoline prices have fallen back below $4 per gallon and there are signs that inflation — while still white-hot — may finally be cooling.

All that has eased a debate over Biden's future that was spreading. Fellow Democrats running for reelection were struggling to answer whether America's oldest president should seek another term. But now they have a fresh agenda they can campaign on heading into the November midterms.

The president has increased his Democratic fundraising efforts, and next week in Maryland he's holding his first rally for the party of the fall campaign season. He also plans to travel aggressively to boost candidates.

As a former senator, Biden knows some lawmakers may need to create distance from him to best win their races — but also that others could benefit from joint appearances. Aides say Biden may prove most useful amplifying Democrat-championed issues that are broadly popular, like lowering prescription drug costs and protecting abortion rights.

Cedric Richmond, one of Biden's closest White House advisers before leaving for a senior Democratic National Committee job, said he wasn't sure the spate of positive news would put an end to 2024 questions, "but it should."

For "tried and true Democrats, the answer was a simple, 'Yes, he should run. Yes he'll be our nominee. Yes he'll win.'"

But comments like that don't make the news, said Richmond, a former Louisiana congressman. "So the only story was when somebody waffles or blows the question."

Those have included New York Democratic Reps. Carolyn Maloney and Jerry Nadler, both declining during a recent primary debate to say if Biden should seek a second term.

Not all lingering doubt can be attributed to awkward answers, though.

Swing-district Minnesota Democratic Rep. Dean Phillips said he didn't want Biden to run in 2024. West Virginia Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin, whose about-face revived the climate and prescription drug legislation, has refused to say if he'd support a second Biden term. Stars of the progressive left, like New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez, have similarly been noncommittal.

But Biden hasn't been abandoned.

Prominent Democrats, including New York Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, chair of the House Democratic Caucus, openly praise him during campaign appearances.

Still, other Democrats say a few positive headlines won't be enough.

No modern incumbent president has faced such hesitation within his own party, nor been realistically threatened in a primary. Intra-party challengers, if they emerge, could weaken both the president and his party.

Some Biden observers see the president, who came out of political retirement because he believed himself best able to take on Trump in 2020, as less likely to seek reelection if his predecessor ultimately opts not to run again.

If Biden runs, he'll have to level with voters about his age — convincing them he's really up for a second term that wouldn't end until he'd be 86. Still, Richmond said such discussions could actually help Biden.

"I'm not going to let people, all of a sudden, say wisdom and experience is a bad thing," he said. "The president of the United States, leader of the free world, that's exactly what you want."

Biden insisted last month that Democrats "want me to run." But a Quinnipiac University poll in July found that only 24% of Americans overall, and 40% of Democrats, said that. Biden's approval rating has dropped below 40% for two consecutive months.

For positive reinforcement, Biden could look to a president at the opposite end of the political spectrum: Ronald Reagan, who took office in 1981 at age 69, making him the country's then-oldest president.

With inflation spiking by the fall of his second year, a Washington Post-ABC News poll found that 6 in 10 Americans said Reagan shouldn't run again, and his approval ratings sank to 35% by the following January. The next year, Reagan romped to reelection, winning every state but Minnesota and the District of Columbia.

Senior Trump Org. exec pleads guilty in tax scam

Ex-CFO agrees to testify against firm as part of plea deal

By Michael R. Sisak
Associated Press

Former Trump CFO Allen Weisselberg enters court Thursday in New York. Under the terms of a plea deal, he will serve five months in jail and pay nearly $2 million. **CURTIS MEANS/POOL PHOTO**

NEW YORK — A top executive at former President Donald Trump's family business pleaded guilty Thursday to evading taxes on a free apartment and other perks, striking a deal with prosecutors that could make him a star witness against the company at a trial this fall.

Allen Weisselberg, a senior Trump Organization adviser and formerly the company's longtime chief financial officer, pleaded guilty to all 15 of the charges he faced in the case.

In a low, somewhat hoarse voice, Weisselberg admitted taking in over $1.7 million worth of untaxed extras — including school tuition for his grandchildren, free rent for a Manhattan apartment and lease payments for a luxury car — and explicitly keeping some of the plums off the books.

Judge Juan Manuel Merchan agreed to sentence the 75-year-old executive to five months in New York City's Rikers Island jail complex, although he will be eligible for release after little more than three months if he behaves behind bars. The judge said Weisselberg will have to pay nearly $2 million in taxes, penalties and interest and complete five years of probation.

The plea bargain also requires Weisselberg to testify truthfully as a prosecution witness when the Trump Organization goes on trial in October on related charges. The company is accused of helping Weisselberg and other executives avoid income taxes by failing to report their full compensation accurately to the government. Trump is not charged in the case.

Weisselberg will remain free on bail until he is formally sentenced following the company's trial. He said nothing as he left court.

If Weisselberg fails to comply with the plea terms, prosecutors said they would seek a "significant state prison sentence," and Merchan warned that he could be subject to the maximum punishment for the top charge — grand larceny — of 15 years.

Weisselberg's lawyer Nicholas Gravante Jr. said his client pleaded guilty "to put an end to this case and the years-long legal and personal nightmares it has caused for him and his family."

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg said in a statement that Weisselberg's plea "directly implicates the Trump Organization in a wide range of criminal activity and requires Weisselberg to provide invaluable testimony in the upcoming trial against the corporation."

"We look forward to proving our case in court against the Trump Organization," he added.

Testimony by Weisselberg could weaken the company's defense. If convicted, the company could face fines of double the amount of unpaid taxes or potentially be placed on probation and forced to change its business practices.

The company praised Weisselberg on Thursday as a trusted, honorable employee who it said has been "persecuted and threatened by law enforcement, particularly the Manhattan district attorney, in their never-ending, politically motivated quest to get President Trump."

In a statement, the company accused prosecutors of trying to pressure Weisselberg to cast aspersions on Trump, and of stretching to make a criminal case out of familiar executive perks such as a company car.

The company, which was not involved in Weisselberg's guilty plea, said it has done nothing wrong, won't plead guilty and looks forward "to having our day in court."

Weisselberg, seen as one of Trump's most loyal business associates, is the only person to face criminal charges in the Manhattan district attorney's long-running investigation of the company. Weisselberg started working for the Trump Organization in 1973, when it was run by Trump's father, Fred. Following his July 2021 arrest, the company changed his title from CFO to senior adviser. The CFO position remains vacant.

Weisselberg agreed to plead guilty days after a court hearing where Merchan denied his request to dismiss the charges. The judge rejected the defense's argument that the district attorney's office was punishing Weisselberg because he wouldn't offer information that would damage Trump.

The district attorney has also been investigating whether Trump or his company lied to banks or the government about the value of its properties to obtain loans or reduce tax bills.

Trump has decried the New York investigations as a "political witch hunt" and has said his company's actions were standard practice in the real estate business and in no way a crime.

Graham formally appeals judicial order to testify in Georgia election probe

By Kate Brumback and Meg Kinnard
Associated Press

Graham

ATLANTA — U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham has formally appealed a judge's order requiring him to testify before a special grand jury investigating whether former President Donald Trump and others illegally sought to overturn his 2020 election defeat in Georgia.

The South Carolina Republican's appeal had been expected following a judge's Monday ruling that he comply with prosecutors' efforts to compel him to testify Aug. 23 about his phone calls to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and his staff in the weeks following the election.

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will consider Graham's request, filed late Wednesday.

Graham's legal team also asked a federal judge to put his special grand jury appearance on hold during the appeal process.

Graham's appeal was made the same day that another Trump associate, former campaign attorney Rudy Giuliani, spent roughly six hours before the special grand jury. The former New York mayor spread false claims of election fraud in Fulton County as he led efforts to challenge the election results in Georgia.

Met by a reporter at the airport as he returned to New York on Wednesday, Giuliani said that he had "satisfied his obligation under the subpoena" from prosecutors.

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis has indicated she is interested in the details of a phone call between Graham and Raffensperger shortly after the 2020 election. At the time, Raffensperger said Graham asked if he had the power to reject certain absentee ballots and that he interpreted the question as a suggestion to toss out legally cast votes.

Graham also "made reference to allegations of widespread voter fraud in the November 2020 election in Georgia, consistent with public statements made by known affiliates of the Trump Campaign," Willis wrote in a court filing.

Graham has argued the calls were part of his duties as chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, with his legal team arguing that Graham's position in Congress protects him from having to appear before the grand jury.

Willis opened her probe into post-election actions by Trump and his allies after the disclosure of a Jan. 2, 2021, phone call between Raffensperger and Trump in which the then-president suggested the state official could "find" the votes needed to flip the election results in Georgia.

NEWS BRIEFING

COVID-19 infections slide 24% worldwide, WHO report shows

From news services

LONDON — New coronavirus cases reported globally dropped nearly a quarter in the last week while deaths fell 6% but were still higher in parts of Asia, according to a report Thursday on the pandemic by the World Health Organization.

The U.N. health agency said there were 5.4 million new COVID-19 cases reported last week, a decline of 24% from the previous week. Infections fell everywhere in the world, including by nearly 40% in Africa and Europe and by a third in the Middle East. COVID-19 deaths rose in the Western Pacific and Southeast Asia by 31% and 12% respectively, but fell or remained stable everywhere else.

At a news briefing Wednesday, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said reported coronavirus deaths over the past month have surged 35%, and noted there had been 15,000 deaths in the past week.

"Fifteen thousand deaths a week is completely unacceptable, when we have all the tools to prevent infections and save lives," Tedros said. "But none of us is helpless. Please get vaccinated if you are not, and if you need a booster, get one."

On Thursday, WHO's vaccine advisory group recommended for the first time that people most vulnerable to COVID-19, including older people, those with underlying health conditions and health workers, get a second booster shot. Numerous other health agencies and countries made the same recommendation months ago.

Extra monkeypox doses: The U.S. is setting aside an extra 50,000 doses of monkeypox vaccine for places with upcoming gay pride events, health officials said Thursday.

The number of doses sent to each place will be based on factors like the size of the event, how many health workers will be available to give shots, and how many of the attendees are considered at highest risk for catching the virus.

"More shots in arms is how we get the outbreak under control," Bob Fenton, the White House monkeypox response coordinator, told reporters Thursday.

At least a dozen pride events are scheduled over the next two months, including large gatherings in Atlanta and New Orleans in early September. U.S. officials said they will send up to 2,000 additional doses to North Carolina, where the Charlotte Pride Festival & Parade will be held this weekend.

Monkeypox is endemic in parts of Africa, where people have been infected through bites from rodents or small animals, but it wasn't considered a disease that spreads easily among people until May, when infections emerged in Europe and the United States. The U.S. has reported has reported more than 13,500 cases.

Algerian wildfires: Wildfires raging in the forests of eastern Algeria have killed at least 37 people and wounded 161 others, the civil protection department of the North African country said Thursday.

Most of the victims were reported in the wilaya, or region, of El Tarf, near the northern Algeria-Tunisian border, where 34 people were found dead. The death toll included a family of five found in their home and eight people on a public bus whose driver was surprised by flames while traveling in a mountainous region.

Mourners carry the body of a bombing victim Thursday in Kabul, Afghanistan. A mosque bombing Wednesday in the Afghan capital during evening prayers killed at least 21 people and injured 33 others, police said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, the latest to strike the country in the year since the Taliban seized power. **EBRAHIM NOROOZI/AP**

"Most of the victims in El Tarf are vacationers who came to enjoy paradisiac beaches and enchanting landscapes," Prime Minister Aimene Benabderrahmane said.

He and several government members arrived Thursday in El Tarf. The prime minister said the Algerian state would support the victims' families and pay for renovation work and compensation for the loss of livestock and beehives. The region is also known for its farming industry.

Sicilian fires: Firefighters worked Thursday to put out the remnants of two wildfires on a Sicilian island that forced fashion designer Giorgio Armani and dozens of others to flee their vacation villas overnight.

A photo from the island of Pantelleria showed flames appearing to encroach on Armani's villa, but the Italian designer's press office said they stopped short of the property. Armani and guests evacuated to a boat in the harbor.

The head of the region's civil protection agency, Salvatore Cocina, said arson was suspected in two wildfires that forced around 30 people to seek refuge in boats or on safer parts of the island.

WWI Navy destroyer: The wreck of the first U.S. Navy destroyer lost to enemy action has been found off the coast of southwest England, 105 years after it was sunk by a German submarine.

A team of British divers announced the find on Facebook last week, saying it was thrilled to have located the World War I ship, the USS Jacob Jones, about 60 nautical miles south of Newlyn, a fishing harbor in Cornwall.

More than a century ago, in 1917, after the U.S. entered World War I against Germany, the Jacob Jones left Boston for Ireland, where it performed rescue operations, picking up survivors from British steamships that had been hit by German submarines and escorting convoys through dangerous waters.

On Dec. 6, 1917, the warship left Brest, France, for Queenstown, Ireland, according to U.S. naval records. About 20 miles off the coast of southern England, a German submarine torpedoed the Jacob Jones. There were seven officers and 103 crew members aboard the ship. Eight minutes later, the ship sank, and 64 men lost their lives.

Saudi tweet case: A Saudi court has sentenced a doctoral student to 34 years in prison for spreading "rumors" and retweeting dissidents, according to court documents obtained Thursday, a decision that has drawn growing global condemnation.

Activists and lawyers consider the sentence against Salma al-Shehab, a mother of two and a researcher at Leeds University in Britain, shocking even by Saudi standards of justice. The ruling comes amid Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's crackdown on dissent even as his rule granted women the right to drive and other new freedoms in the ultraconservative Islamic nation.

Al-Shehab was detained during a family vacation Jan. 15, 2021, just days before she planned to return to the United Kingdom, according to the Freedom Initiative, a Washington-based human rights group.

The Freedom Initiative describes al-Shehab as a member of Saudi Arabia's Shiite Muslim minority, which has long complained of systematic discrimination in the Sunni-ruled kingdom.

"Saudi Arabia has boasted to the world that they are improving women's rights and creating legal reform, but there is no question with this abhorrent sentence that the situation is only getting worse," said Bethany al-Haidari, the group's Saudi case manager.

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Schools prioritizing mental health

Critics say support for students in need is indoctrination

By Jocelyn Gecker and Dylan Lovan
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A young student at a school in Cecilia, Kentucky, uses her laptop to participate in an emotional check-in. **TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/AP**

CECILIA, Ky. — For fourth grader Leah Rainey, the school day begins with what her teacher calls an "emotional check-in."

"It's great to see you. How are you feeling?" chirps a cheery voice on her laptop screen. It asks her to click an emoji matching her state of mind: Happy. Sad. Worried. Angry. Frustrated. Calm. Silly. Tired.

Depending on the answer, Leah, 9, gets advice from a cartoon avatar on managing her mood and a few more questions: Have you eaten breakfast? Are you hurt or sick? Is everything OK at home? Is someone at school being unkind? Today, Leah chooses "silly," but says she struggled with sadness during online learning.

At Lakewood Elementary School, all 420 students will start their days the same way this year. The rural Kentucky school is one of thousands across the country using technology to screen students' states of mind and alert teachers to anyone struggling.

In some ways, this year's back-to-school season will restore a degree of pre-pandemic normalcy: Most districts have lifted mask mandates, dropped COVID-19 vaccine requirements and ended rules on social distancing and quarantines.

But many of the pandemic's longer-lasting impacts remain a troubling reality. Among them: the harmful effects of isolation and remote learning on children's emotional well-being.

Student mental health reached crisis levels last year, and the pressure on schools to figure out solutions has never been greater. Districts across the country are using federal pandemic money to hire more mental health specialists, rolling out new coping tools and expanding curriculum that prioritizes emotional health.

Still, some parents don't believe schools should be involved in mental health. So-called social-emotional learning, or SEL, has become the latest political flashpoint, with conservatives saying schools use it to promote progressive ideas about race, gender and sexuality, or that a focus on well-being takes attention from academics.

But at schools such as Lakewood, educators say helping students manage emotions and stress will long benefit them.

The school, in a farming community an hour's drive south of Louisville, has used federal money to create "take-a-break" corners in each classroom. Students can rifle through a "self-regulation kit" with tips on deep breathing, squishy stress balls and acupuncture rings, said school counselor Shelly Kerr. The school plans to build a "Reset Room" this fall, part of an emerging national trend to create campus sanctuaries where students can go to decompress and speak with a counselor.

"We are finally beginning to recognize that school is more than just teaching the kids reading, writing and arithmetic," said Dan Domenech, executive director of the national School Superintendents Association.

The pandemic magnified the fragility of mental health among American youth, who had been experiencing a rise in depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts for years, experts say. A recent report issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found 44% of high school students said they experienced "persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness" during the pandemic, with girls and LGBTQ youth reporting the highest levels of poor mental health and suicide attempts.

If a silver lining exists, the pandemic raised awareness of the crisis and helped destigmatize talking about mental health, while bringing attention to schools' shortcomings in handling it. President Joe Biden's administration recently announced over $500 million to expand mental health services in the country's schools, adding to federal and state money that has poured into schools to cope with pandemic-era needs.

Still, many are skeptical schools' responses are enough.

"All of these opportunities and resources are temporary," said junior Claire Chi, who attends State College Area High School in central Pennsylvania. Last year, her school added emergency counseling and therapy dogs, among other supports, but most of that help lasted a day or two, Chi said. And that's "not really a mental health investment for students." This year, the school says it has added more counselors and plans mental health training for all 10th graders.

Some critics, including many conservative parents, don't want to see such support in schools. Asra Nomani, a mother from Fairfax County, Virginia, says schools are using the mental health crisis as a "Trojan horse" to introduce liberal ideas about sexual and racial identity. She also worries schools lack the expertise to deal with student mental illness.

"Social-emotional well-being has become an excuse to intervene in the lives of children in the most intimate of ways that are both dangerous and irresponsible," Nomani said, "because they're in the hands of people who are not trained professionals."

Despite the unprecedented funding, schools are having trouble hiring counselors, mirroring the shortages in other American industries.

Goshen Junior High School in northwest Indiana has been struggling to fill a vacancy of a counselor who left last year, when student anxiety and other behavioral problems were "off the charts," said Jan Desmarais-Morse, one of two counselors left at the school, with caseloads of 500 students each.

"One person trying to meet the needs of 500 students?" said Desmarais-Morse said. "It's impossible."

The American School Counselor Association recommends a ratio of 250 students per school counselor, which few states come close to meeting.

For the 2020-21 school year only two states — New Hampshire and Vermont — achieved that goal, according to an Associated Press analysis of data from the National Center for Education Statistics. Some states face staggeringly high ratios: Arizona averages one counselor to 716 students; in Michigan, 1 to 638; and in Minnesota, 1 to 592.

Also in Indiana, the School City of Hammond won a grant to hire clinical therapists at all 17 of its schools but has not been able to fill most of the new jobs, said Superintendent Scott Miller. "Schools are stealing from other schools. There just aren't enough workers to go around."

Another challenge for schools: identifying struggling children before they're in emotional crisis. At the Houston Independent School District, one of the largest in the country with nearly 200,000 students in 277 schools, students are asked each morning to hold up fingers showing how they feel. One finger means a child is hurting deeply; five means she or he feels great.

"It's identifying your brush fires early in the day," said Sean Ricks, the district's senior manager of crisis intervention.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, center, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, left, and U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres met Thursday. **EVGENIY MALOLETKA/AP**

WAR IN UKRAINE

Zelenskyy talks with Turkey, UN leaders see little progress

By Derek Gatopoulos and Suzan Fraser
Associated Press

LVIV, Ukraine — Turkey's leader and the U.N. chief met in Ukraine with President Volodymr Zelenskyy on Thursday in a high-powered bid to ratchet down a war raging for nearly six months. But little immediate progress was reported.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said he would follow up with Russian President Vladimir Putin, given that most of the matters discussed would require the Kremlin's agreement.

It was the first visit to Ukraine by Erdogan since the war began, and the second by U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

Meeting in the western city of Lviv, far from the front lines, the leaders discussed such things as expanding exchanges of prisoners of war and arranging for U.N. atomic energy experts to visit and help secure Europe's biggest nuclear power plant, which is in the middle of fierce fighting that has raised fears of catastrophe.

Erdogan has positioned himself as a go-between in efforts to stop the fighting. While Turkey is a NATO member, its economy is reliant on Russia for trade.

The Turkish president urged the international community after the talks not to abandon diplomatic efforts to end the war that has killed tens of thousands and forced more than 10 million Ukrainians from their homes.

He repeated that Turkey is willing to act as "mediator and facilitator." In March, Turkey hosted talks in Istanbul between Russian and Ukrainian negotiators, but the effort to end the hostilities failed.

On the battlefield, meanwhile, at least 17 people were killed overnight in Russian missile strikes on Ukraine's Kharkiv region, Ukrainian authorities said Thursday.

Russia's military claimed it struck a base for foreign mercenaries in Kharkiv, killing 90. There was no immediate comment from the Ukrainian side.

Heightening international tensions, Russia deployed warplanes carrying hypersonic missiles to its Kaliningrad region, an enclave surrounded by NATO members Lithuania and Poland.

One major topic at the talks in Lviv was the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant in southern Ukraine. Moscow and Kyiv have accused each other of shelling the complex.

Condemning the Kremlin for "nuclear blackmail," Zelenskyy has demanded that Russian troops leave the plant and that a team from the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency be allowed in.

"Any potential damage in Zaporizhzhia is suicide," Guterres said.

Erdogan also expressed concern over the fighting saying, "We don't want to experience another Chernobyl" — a reference to the world's worst nuclear accident, in Ukraine in 1986.

Zelenskyy and the U.N. chief agreed on arrangements for an IAEA mission to the plant, according to the president's website. But it was not immediately clear whether the Kremlin would consent to the terms.

Israel raids, shutters offices of Palestinian rights groups

By Jalal Hassan and Fares Akram
Associated Press

The door of rights group Defense for Children International in Ramallah in the West Bank remains sealed Thursday after a raid by the Israeli military. **ABBAS MOMANI/GETTY-AFP**

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Israel raided the offices of several Palestinian advocacy groups it had previously blacklisted as terrorist organizations early Thursday, sealing entrances and declaring them closed.

Western diplomats visited one of the offices hours later in a show of support for the outlawed groups. The U.S. State Department expressed concern about the raids and said it was seeking more information from senior Israeli officials.

The raids marked a major escalation against the civil society organizations, which Israel has outlawed over claims that they have ties to a militant group, a charge they deny. Israel has provided little evidence to back up its accusations. Nine European countries have rejected Israel's charges against the groups, citing a lack of evidence.

Israel claims the groups are linked to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a secular, left-wing movement with a political party as well as an armed wing that has carried out deadly attacks against Israelis. Israel outlawed the groups last year.

Shawan Jabarin, director of al-Haq, one of the targeted groups, said he and his staffers are still examining whether any documents were confiscated.

Israeli troops "came, blew up the door, got inside and messed with the files," he said. They then sealed the entrance to the office, he said.

Another of the groups, the Union of Agricultural Work Committees, circulated video showing soldiers in full battle gear searching their office and moving equipment.

Rights defenders have described Israel's moves against the groups as part of a decadeslong crackdown on political activism in the occupied territories. Last month, nine EU member states said Israel hasn't backed up its allegations and that they will continue working with the groups.

A delegation of mostly European diplomats visited al-Haq's office hours after the raid in a show of support.

"We express our solidarity with our partners, which we have been supporting for many, many years," said Sven Kuhn von Burgsdorff, the EU representative to the Palestinian territories, who led the delegation. He said their work in supporting human rights was "indispensable."

State Department spokesman Ned Price said the U.S. was "concerned" about the raids and closures, adding that civil society is an "integral element to thriving democracies."

The Israeli military said it closed seven institutions and seized their property in Thursday's raids.

On Wednesday, Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz's office reiterated its claim that the groups "operate under the guise of performing humanitarian activities to further the goals of the PFLP terrorist organization, to strengthen the organization and to recruit operatives."

Most of the targeted organizations document alleged human rights violations by Israel as well as the Palestinian Authority, both of which routinely detain Palestinian activists.

The groups reportedly raided include al-Haq, a veteran, internationally respected Palestinian rights group; Addameer, which advocates for Palestinian prisoners; Defense for Children International-Palestine; the Union of Palestinian Women's Committees; the Union of Agricultural Work Committees, and the Bisan Center for Research and Development.

Troops raiding al-Haq's office broke through a door leading to the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church compound, which rents the office space to the group, according to the church rector, Rev. Fadi Diab. The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem condemned what it said was a "flagrant attack" on the compound, saying the al-Haq office had its own separate entrance.

The military did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the church statement.

Thursday's raids come seven months after Israel outlawed Al-Haq, Addameer, Bisan and others.

WORLD & NATION

Ukraine recruits get training in UK

Program aims to get thousands ready for battle in homeland

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press

Ukrainian military recruits train for urban combat with British armed forces in this mock townscape at a military base in southeast England. **FRANK AUGSTEIN/AP**

A BRITISH ARMY BASE, England — A few weeks ago, Serhiy was a business analyst at an IT company. Zakhar was a civil engineer.

Now they are soldiers, training to liberate Ukraine from Russia's invasion — but doing it more than 1,000 miles away in Britain.

They are among several hundred Ukrainian recruits pounding through an intense form of infantry training in southeast England.

As the Ukrainians practice house-clearing amid the rattle of gunfire and pall from smoke grenades on a mock townscape where British soldiers once trained for operations in Northern Ireland, they think about driving Russian troops from the streets of their own cities.

"The most important part is urban training, because it's the most dangerous combat, in cities," said Serhiy, who like the other Ukrainians did not want his full named used because of security concerns. "The British instructors have a lot of experience, from Iraq, Afghanistan. We can adapt all this knowledge to the Ukrainian situation and use it to liberate our country from Russian invasion."

The initiative, announced by Prime Minister Boris Johnson in June, began with more than 1,000 British soldiers from the 11th Security Force Assistance Brigade, which specializes in training foreign militaries.

This batch of the 10,000 Ukrainian soldiers that the British military has pledged to train within 120 days are spending several weeks learning skills including marksmanship, battlefield first aid and — crucially for their country's future — urban warfare.

About 2,000 recruits have completed the program and returned to Ukraine, British officials said.

Other nations — including Canada, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, New Zealand and Sweden — have pledged to join the effort, which is in effect a retooled version of Operation Unifier, an international training initiative that began in 2015.

In that program, troops from the United States, Britain, Canada, Denmark, Poland and Sweden, among other nations, trained about 35,000 Ukrainians.

British trainers are putting the Ukrainian troops through a condensed version of the British Army's infantry training, covering weapons handling, first aid, patrol tactics and the law of conflict. The aim is to turn raw recruits into battle-ready soldiers in a matter of weeks.

"We are running a basic infantry course, which takes Ukrainian recruits and teaches them to shoot well, to move and communicate well within any tactical environment, and to medicate well," said Maj. Craig Hutton, a Scots Guards officer helping oversee the training.

Hutton says many of the Ukrainian troops have little military experience, but "they are so motivated. They have a fantastic will to learn, and they just want to practice, practice and practice more."

Britain is sending the Ukrainians home with new uniforms, body armor, helmets and other gear, part of $2.8 billion worth of U.K. military aid to the country that also includes anti-tank missiles and sophisticated rocket-launch systems.

"We are at a phase in the war where we need to reclaim our cities from occupying forces," said Snizhana, a 34-year-old trainee. "The British officers training us have experienced this warfare in Iraq and Afghanistan — so now it is very useful for us."

The training exercises were planned in collaboration with Ukrainian military and intelligence officials, he added, and were designed to replicate scenes they could encounter on the battlefield back home — down to the spray-painted insignia on vehicles.

Many of the Ukrainians taking part in the exercise were given variants of the AK-47 weapons that they would likely use on the front lines. Others toted anti-tank weapons called NLAWs, thousands of which Britain has donated to help Ukrainians to destroy Russian tanks and armored vehicles.

"Nobody wants to die," Zakhar, the former engineer, said through an interpreter.

A civil engineer before enlisting three weeks ago, he said he was motivated to join his brother in the army and avenge his best friend, who was killed in battle.

"I want my children and grandchildren to live in a free and flourishing, independent country," he said.

Serhiy, the onetime IT worker, has been in uniform for less than a month and is equally determined.

"I know that Ukrainian soldiers are dying to protect our homes right now. So it's hard to know that I am not with them," he said. "But the Ukrainian army needs only professional soldiers, so I am ready to train as hard as possible to be ready for the battle ahead."

Brigadier Justin Stenhouse, who is in charge of the training as commander of the 11th Security Assistance Brigade, said seeing the motivation of the Ukrainians is "humbling."

But he acknowledged that preparing for the chaos of urban combat is "almost impossible to do in training."

The goal of the mission, he said, is to "train them so they can adapt to survive in those early weeks of combat."

"They will learn more in the first weeks of combat than we can possibly give them here," he said.

The New York Times contributed.

Russia says it doesn't export 'blood diamonds'

Other countries say billions earned fund conflict in Ukraine

By Dionne Searcey
The New York Times

Diamonds are evaluated at Alrosa, the world's top mining firm, in Mirny, Russia. **MAXIM BABENKO/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2018**

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has led to global soul-searching about over-reliance on Russian oil and gas, but a new drama is unfolding over another of Russia's major exports: diamonds.

Russia is the world's largest supplier of small diamonds. For years, engagement rings, earrings and pendants for sale in the United States and beyond have included diamonds mined from deep in the permafrost in Russia's northeast.

Now the United States and other countries are taking action that could officially label Russian diamonds as "conflict diamonds," claiming their sale helps pay for Russia's deadly war in Ukraine.

"Proceeds from that production are benefiting the same state that is conducting a premeditated, unprovoked, and unjustified war," said George Cajati, a U.S. State Department official, in a letter written in May to the chair of the Kimberley Process, an international organization created by United Nations resolution to prevent the flow of conflict diamonds.

The European Union, Canada and other Western nations, as well as Ukraine and several activist organizations, have joined in similar calls for a Kimberley Process discussion about the implications of the invasion of Ukraine, including whether Russian gems should be considered conflict diamonds.

Also known as blood diamonds, conflict diamonds are commonly thought of as gems sold to finance war. The Kimberley Process, created in the wake of diamonds financing a deadly war in Sierra Leone and elsewhere, defines them more specifically as "rough diamonds used by rebel movements or their allies to finance conflict aimed at undermining legitimate governments."

But "rebel movement" doesn't accurately describe Russia, and officials there vehemently object to labeling the nation's diamonds as conflict gems. They chalk up the effort by Western governments to do so as "political demagoguery," according to an emailed statement from the press service of Russia's Ministry of Finance.

The gems are one of Russia's top nonenergy exports by value, accounting for more than $4.5 billion last year, according to U.S. government data.

Russian diamonds have for years been popular with American jewelers weary of the taint of diamonds from African mines — even those far from conflict areas — that consumers could confuse for blood diamonds. But the debate over Russian diamonds is exposing an often-overlooked reality about the effort to rein in the murky $80 billion global diamond industry, which commercializes the deepest of emotions and has spent years working to reassure people that its gems are trustworthy through Kimberley Process certification.

Because of loopholes and technicalities, so-called ethical diamonds do not really exist, many jewelers acknowledge. And the effort to block Russian diamonds underscores that fact.

"We use the Kimberley Process as the greatest greenwashing machine the world has ever seen," said Martin Rapaport, a leading diamond broker whose price list is used as a benchmark for the wholesale trade in polished diamonds.

Russian officials say the country's diamonds were in line with environmental, social and governance standards long before they became fashionable in the corporate world. They say Russian mines contribute to the economy of Yakutia, a desolate area of the country's Far East.

"The livelihoods of 1 million people of Yakutia fully depend on the stability of diamond mining in the region," the ministry said.

But Ukraine officials say the diamonds contribute to Russia's invasion.

"Russian diamonds are involved in financing the war of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, which makes these diamonds not just conflict, but bloody," said Vladimir Tatarintsev, deputy director of the State Gemmological Center of Ukraine, which is a member of the Kimberley Process.

Western officials have lined up beside the Ukrainians.

On the very day in February that Russia invaded Ukraine, the United States added to its sanctions list Sergey Ivanov, the CEO of Alrosa, Russia's biggest diamond producer and the world's largest diamond mining company. Ivanov is the son of one of Russian President Vladimir Putin's closest allies, who was also added to the sanctions list.

Later, the U.S. banned imports of Russian diamonds along with Russian vodka, caviar and other items.

But the U.S. action had a major loophole: After being pulled from the ground, most diamonds are shipped abroad for transformation, regardless of where they are mined. The vast majority end up in polishing centers in India, which has no ban on Russian diamonds. Once the diamonds are transformed and readied for shipping, their origin changes. Diamonds mined in Russia are no longer Russian-origin diamonds; they are labeled as of Indian origin.

Boycotts of Russian diamonds were launched by major jewelers such as Tiffany. De Beers increased efforts to trace the gems through the supply chain.

The U.S. escalated its action not long after, targeting the mining giant Alrosa, which is majority-owned by the Russian federal and regional governments. It added Alrosa to a U.S. Treasury list that essentially bans U.S. nationals from doing business with it. Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and the Bahamas took similar action.

But critics said the ban failed to close the loophole and left open the possibility that Alrosa's subsidiaries could still find a way to get diamonds that are cut and polished abroad into the U.S. And they note that while the U.S. is the biggest market for Russian diamonds, Alrosa can still sell diamonds freely in other major markets such as China, which has taken no action against Russian gems.

The debate over Russian diamonds reached the Kimberley Process before the group's scheduled June meeting. A movement was already afoot by the U.S. and other Western countries to determine whether Russia was exporting conflict diamonds and to reconsider Russia's leadership roles in the organization.

Russia itself had been among the numerous nations that for several years had been pushing within the Kimberley Process for an expansion of the definition of conflict diamonds, seeking to broaden it to apply to issues such as human rights, labor and the environment. But because the organization is governed by consensus — all decisions must be unanimous among the more than 80 countries — the movement has stalled.

Tensions over Russian diamonds split the Kimberley Process member countries along increasingly familiar geopolitical lines, with numerous Western nations pitted against Russia, which was backed by China, Belarus and Kyrgyzstan as well as Mali and the Central African Republic, where Russia has a big presence, including by its mercenaries who operate in diamond mines.

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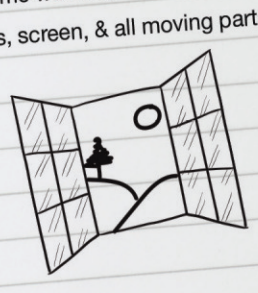

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Slain police officer's memory lives on

Memorial ride through Newington raises funds to support next generation of law enforcement

By Pam Mcloughlin
Hartford Courant

It's been 18 years since Newington master police officer Peter J. Lavery was fatally shot while addressing a domestic violence call, and his widow, Pam Lavery, said she is still hearing stories about how he touched lives.

"He was an amazing guy. He was a tremendous husband, family man, father, friend," Pam Lavery said. "He loved life. He loved being involved."

Lavery, 47, was the father of two children in college when he was ambushed on that call in 2004.

There are four grandchildren he'll never meet, but his legacy looms large, including in the annual MPO Peter J. Lavery Memorial Ride, which will take place on Sept. 18 at Churchill Park in Newington.

Pam Lavery, as always, will ride among the hundreds in this 18th year of the event, as the ride raises money for scholarships for students going into law enforcement or criminal justice and for the children of Newington officers who are headed to college.

"It's an amazing day," Pam Lavery said. "The event is very heartwarming. It's a beautiful show of respect for law enforcement."

So far the Peter J. Lavery Scholarship Fund has given away $178,000 in scholarship money — and that makes Pam Lavery happy.

"I support police officers all the time. I want good people on the job. I want them to have the best training," she said. "I'm grateful we still have people who are not discouraged by what's going on," in regard to police facing public criticism.

Newington Police Chief Steve Clark was Lavery's field training officer when Lavery started working for the city. They became great friends.

Clark was working the night

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Newington police officer Peter J. Lavery and his wife, Pam, participate in a Rolling Thunder ride in Washington, D.C., honoring military members killed or missing in action. **COURTESY PHOTO**

Trio of school leaders named

Farmington fills top positions as start of new year draws near

By Alison Cross
Hartford Courant

FARMINGTON — With the start of the 2022-23 school year less than two weeks away, Farmington Public Schools has announced a trio of new leadership appointments.

Effective Sept. 12, Farmington High School Principal Scott Hurwitz will become the district's next assistant superintendent of finance and operations. The current FHS assistant principal, Russell Crist, will assume the role of interim principal. On Aug. 22, the district will welcome Felicia Poskus from Windsor Public Schools as FHS's new interim assistant principal.

In a letter to the district community, Farmington Superintendent Kathleen Greider said that Hurwitz will start the school year as principal before taking on the position of assistant superintendent to "ensure a smooth transition to the 2022-2023 school year."

"As a skilled instructional and operational leader, Dr. Hurwitz has exhibited expertise in finance and operations throughout his time in Farmington and he will bring a strong skill set to his new district-level position," Greider said. "Dr. Hurwitz brings a record of success with his commitment to collaboration among all constituencies in establishing positive partnerships, implementing effective daily school operations and excellence in student outcomes."

Greider said Hurwitz will lead the district's new high school project, with construction set to start on a new facility this October.

Hurwitz joined the Farmington Public School District in

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Tom Strano plans to rent out part of his kitchen at Hilliard Mills to "chefs out there who want to do something new but who don't have the money or means yet to do it." **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

New location, new vision for Taso's in Manchester

Owner plans to open up the kitchen as an 'incubator' for up-and-coming chefs

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Manchester diners are losing Tom Strano, but only for a few weeks.

Strano, owner and chef at the breakfast, brunch and lunch spot Taso's Eggsellent Adventure at 550 East Middle Turnpike, announced on Facebook that he would close temporarily on Sept 25. Strano is reopening in early October at a new location — same name, same menu — where he has big plans that go beyond serving food.

Strano is moving into the Hilliard Mills complex, 640-642 Hilliard St. in Manchester. He will serve meals, primarily to-go, but he also has 12 seats. In addition, he will offer sections of his kitchen as commissary spaces to up-and-coming entrepreneurs who want to move upward from their cottage licenses to higher-level food-industry licenses.

"There's a lot of chefs out there who want to do something new but who don't have the money or means yet to do it. I want to be the incubator," he said. "This industry is tough to begin with. It's gotten a lot tougher. The only real way to survive is to team up."

The kitchen, with cooking areas, prep areas and dry storage, would be available for rental 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A doughnut maker, a hot sauce maker and a dog-biscuit maker already have signed up to use the kitchen, he said.

In addition to space, Strano will give his renters advice from his long restaurant career and will

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"There's a lot of chefs out there who want to do something new but who don't have the money or means yet to do it ... This industry is tough to begin with ... The only real way to survive is to team up."

— Tom Strano, owner and chef at Taso's Eggsellent Adventure in Manchester

State sees its strongest job growth of the year

July hiring burst pushes unemployment to 3.7%, the lowest since before pandemic began in 2020

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

A seven-month hiring stretch remained unbroken in July as employers in Connecticut added 6,500 jobs, led by local government and construction, the state Department of Labor reported Thursday.

It was the strongest burst of new jobs this year, pushing the unemployment rate to 3.7% from 4% in June. It's the lowest rate since March 2020 before COVID-19 forced widespread business shutdowns and job cuts. The U.S. rate was 3.5% in July.

"Connecticut's unemployment rate is now at historic lows," Labor Commissioner Danté Bartolomeo said. "This is continued good news for job seekers across every industry sector and every demographic."

Still, job growth is slow. Connecticut has recovered 88.3% of private sector jobs from April 2020 when losses were steepest. The public sector has recovered 61.9% of lost jobs.

In contrast, the U.S. labor force has returned to its pre-pandemic level, the U.S. Department of Labor reported Aug. 5.

The state reported 120,000 available jobs in Connecticut. The labor force is smaller than before the pandemic due to retirements,

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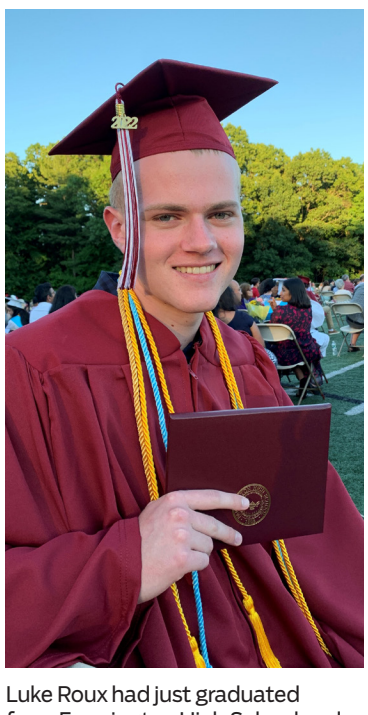

Luke Roux had just graduated from Farmington High School and was set to attend the University of Connecticut in the fall before he was killed in a car crash on June 25. **THE ROUX FAMILY/COURTESY**

Arrest made in fatal Farmington crash

21-year-old man faces manslaughter charges; victim's family 'confident in our justice system'

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

A 21-year-old man was arrested Wednesday night in connection to a car crash that killed recent Farmington High School graduate Luke Roux in June, according to police.

Jacob Coffey of Farmington was arrested by the Farmington Police Department and charged with first-degree manslaughter, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, reckless driving, red light violation and speeding greater than 60 mph, according to police.

"We would like to extend a thank you to the Farmington Police Department, and all of those involved in the investigation of this case," the Roux family said in a statement to the Courant on Thursday. "We are confident in our justice system, and the facts of the case will speak for themselves. Thank you to the community for continuing to support our family and allowing us this time to grieve and begin our long healing process."

Roux was killed in a crash on the Colt Highway on his way home from a baseball game on June 25.

Police said Coffey was speeding and ran a red light before hitting

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POLICE BRIEFS

GLASTONBURY

Guilty plea in gun trafficking case

A Glastonbury woman pleaded guilty in federal court on Thursday to a charge of dealing in firearms without a license.

Federal prosecutors said that between April 2016 and November 2019, Brandi Wiggins, 35, bought seven guns in North Carolina and later sold them at pawn shops and through an internet site that specializes in gun sales.

The guilty plea followed an investigation by agents of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, who arrested Wiggins after tracing the ownership of firearms confiscated in Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts.

Wiggins is charged with a crime that carries a maximum sentence of five years.

— Staff report

WATERBURY

Man shot outside restaurant ID'd

Police have identified the 32-year-old man killed in a shooting outside of a restaurant in Waterbury early Thursday morning.

Waterbury Police Department officers responded to Bertie's West Indian Restaurant on North Main Street for a report of shots fired around 12:45 a.m. According to police, officers found Lechard Santos of Waterbury with a gunshot wound lying on the ground outside in the parking lot.

Santos was transported to Saint Mary's Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 1:26 a.m., according to police.

Preliminary investigations indicate that an altercation involving the victim occurred outside the restaurant, according to police.

Police said there was no information available about a suspect at this time.

— Mike Mavredakis

HARTFORD

2 boys allegedly set fire at playground

Two boys were charged with allegedly setting a fire at a playground in Hartford on Tuesday, according to the Hartford Police Department.

Firefighters responded to a fire at a playground at Cronin Park on Granby Street in Hartford around noon on Tuesday. Fire officials say a large tire was on fire and it spread to the playscape area. The playscape sustained heavy damage that "ultimately rendered the playscape unusable," according to police and fire officials.

The Hartford Police Department said Wednesday that investigators determined the fire was intentionally set by a 12-year-old boy and a 15-year-old boy who had allegedly rolled a large truck tire under the playscape and set it ablaze.

The boys were both charged as juveniles with reckless burning, risk of injury and reckless endangerment. They were each released into the custody of a parent, police said Wednesday afternoon.

— Mike Mavredakis

HAMDEN

Woman arrested in credit union robbery

The Hamden Police Department arrested a Hamden woman in connection to a robbery at the Connex Credit Union on Wednesday afternoon.

Police charged Natalie Medor, 36, with third-degree robbery and second-degree larceny on Wednesday night.

Hamden officers responded to a reported robbery at the Connex Credit Union on Dixwell Avenue around 12:45 p.m. According to police, the suspect entered the credit union and passed a note to the teller demanding money.

No weapons were displayed and no one was injured, police said. The woman fled with an undisclosed amount of money, according to police.

Police said detectives identified a suspect quickly and conducted an extensive investigation into the robbery. Police also recovered additional evidence from the scene. Officers located Medor later in the evening and arrested her, police said.

Medor was held on a $20,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on Sept. 28.

— Mike Mavredakis

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Roux's vehicle. Investigations into the crash revealed Coffey had an elevated blood-alcohol content at the time of the crash, police said.

Both Coffey and Roux were transported from the scene to local hospitals for injuries sustained in the crash. Roux was pronounced dead due to his injuries shortly after the crash at John Dempsey Hospital, police said.

He was on his way home after a summer baseball game the night he died, according to his family.

Roux had just graduated from Farmington High School and was set to attend the University of Connecticut in the fall. He had graduated high school with first honors. Math was his best subject, his family said.

"We hold Luke in our hearts, and we cherish the memories of his unwavering care for others, commitment to excellence in all aspects of his life as well as his generous and beautiful spirit," the Farmington school district said in a statement following Roux's death.

He had a passion for sports and esports. He was a hockey, baseball and tennis player and had a newfound passion for disc golf.

He was lauded for his sportsmanship and kindness by his coaches.

"All of Luke's baseball coaches will tell you the same thing: Luke was a very good player, but more importantly, an ideal teammate and model person," Aaron Jainchill, Roux's longtime baseball coach, said after his death. "Luke always put forth his best effort on every play, did whatever was asked of him to help the team and was always positive toward his teammates."

He also swam and played music, according to his family. He was an "accomplished drummer" who played the violin, keyboard and guitar. He enjoyed progressive rock, but his family said he had an eclectic music taste.

He was known for his discipline, and his family said they joked he had a "government-mandated bedtime." He made conscious decisions regarding his diet, sleep and choices of activity, his family said.

"Luke took great care of himself so that he could be his best so that he could help anyone at any time," the Roux family wrote. "We would all benefit from living our lives more like Luke did."

He also had a strong sense of faith, belonging to Bethany Lutheran Church in West Hartford, according to his family. He lived a "simple life rooted in love and kindness for those around him," his family said.

The Roux family started the Luke Roux Memorial Fund, which will benefit future graduates of his alma mater, former sports leagues and teams he was a part of, autism awareness and organizations focused on combatting destructive driving.

Coffey was released on a $250,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Hartford Superior Court on Aug. 23, according to police.

Coffey's lawyer, attorney Stephen Mangan of Ericson, Scalise and Mangan in New Britain, declined to comment.

Information from Courant reporter Taylor Hartz was used in this report.

Hilliard Mills first opened in 1672 and boasts that it is the oldest woolen mill site in the United States.
DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

Taso's

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provide an attorney and an accountant to advise them.

"I've made every single mistake you can make in this industry. I think I can allow people to learn from me," he said.

Strano said that if some tenants make products he needs in his restaurant, "instead of us relying on your Syscos and Restaurant Depots, we could maybe get some artisan small-batch foods and create our own local environment in this place."

For the time being, the restaurant will still be called Taso's. Strano is toying with changing the name, possibly to Hilliard Mills Community Kitchen and Marketplace.

"My goal is to allow people to be able to sell their wares on-site. In the main lobby there will be a marketplace for use by any vendors that we have," he said.

Anyone interested in using the Hilliard complex kitchen can go to tasosct.com.

Customer streams

Strano is moving into a spot that is ripe for a restaurant, said Peter Bonzani, who owns the Hilliard Mills complex.

"There are 54 business tenants on-site. There are 300 apartments within walking distance. There is a microbrewery here. There are aerospace companies nearby, with hundreds of employees. There is an event hall on-site. There are several different built-in customer streams," Bonzani said.

Mills began operating on the property in 1672, when a sawmill there became the first verified business in what is now Manchester. By 1780, the site was operating as a carding mill. Historical research suggests that the wool for George Washington's presidential inaugural suit was carded there, Bonzani said. The complex was used for a variety of purposes until the vacant mill was purchased by Bonzani in 2006, who bought the remaining buildings on the lot three years later.

Bonzani has since improved the complex into a lively hub, with offices for counselors, photographers, manufacturers, attorneys, civic activists, music teachers and other enterprises. The 6,000-square-foot "clerestory" building was converted last year into a wedding and event venue.

Strano has worked with 2nd Bridge Brewing Company at the complex. The owner of 2nd Bridge told Strano that a food-industry tenant had outgrown their space and announced plans to move to a larger facility. Strano jumped at the chance.

Click Kitchen

Strano had thought about moving for a while. He was inspired by a visit to Click Kitchen in Willimantic.

"They have the most amazing thing going. They have created their own ecosystem for food service. Seeing it gave me goosebumps," he said.

Click, a nonprofit, was founded in 2015 by Phoebe Godfrey, a UConn sociology professor, and Tina Shirshac.

"Part of idea of Click's mission is equity. We are in the poorest county in Connecticut, surrounded by 100 farms. We wanted to figure out a way to have space for low-income and minority folks to get involved in owning their food businesses and to help farmers to create markets," said Leigh Duffy, executive director.

Click is available to renters 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is currently booked solid and there is a waiting list. Click also has a kitchen garden and offers culinary classes.

"We have assisted over 73 small businesses to open," said Click's kitchen manager Denise Reardon. "If someone wants to do a food truck, for example, we would guide them from dream stage to completion stage, where they are licensed and ready to do events."

Strano said that in a few months he will gauge how things are going and possibly tweak the operation. Until then, he has a lot of ideas and is eager to implement them.

"It will be a work in progress. We're going to get our hands dirty and develop it on the fly. By New Year's, we'll be able to see what we can and can't do," he said.

Strano urged anyone with a Taso's gift card to redeem it by Sept. 25 at the soon-to-close location. He added that anyone who purchased a gift card at the now-closed 21 Oak redeem it there too. When 21 Oak closed in December, Strano agreed to accept gift cards for 21 Oak at his restaurant. tasosct.com.

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Jobs

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day care problems that keep working mothers out of the job market, and former employees establishing start-ups and new businesses, the Department of Labor said.

Patrick Flaherty, the agency's director of research, said job growth has been consistent this year, with several industries — construction; wholesale trade; and professional, scientific and technical services — outpacing pre-pandemic levels.

Chris DiPentima, president of the Connecticut Business & Industry Association, said the state's year-to-date job growth of 1.4% trails the 2.2% national rate, "highlighting the need for a greater focus on addressing those obstacles to a faster recovery."

A shortage of workers in many industries is one of those obstacles, he said.

Industries that hired: Manufacturing jobs increased by 700 in July following a decline in June.

Construction and mining added 1,500 jobs after shrinking in May and June. With a long construction season due to warm weather last winter, the industry has recovered 112% of jobs lost during the pandemic, according to the state Department of Labor.

The education and health services sector added 1,700 jobs, the third consecutive month of gains. "The health care sector, which was hit hard throughout the pandemic by illness, burnout and death, is also regaining jobs," Flaherty said.

Government added 3,900 jobs, a 1.7% increase. Job gains were in local government, likely due to federal COVID funding for summer programs, according to the state Department of Labor.

Jobs in trade, transportation and utilities increased by 800, up 0.3%.

Professional and business services jobs were up 500, an increase of 0.2%.

Industries that shed jobs: The four industries that posted job declines last month:

Leisure and hospitality, down 600 jobs, or 0.4%.

Information lost 200 jobs, a decrease of 0.7%.

Financial activities dropped 100 jobs, a loss of 0.1%.

Where were jobs created? The Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk labor market added 2,000 jobs, up 0.5%.

The Danbury labor market added 900 jobs, an increase of 1.2%.

The New Haven labor market was up 1,400 jobs, an increase of 0.5%.

Hiring was down in these labor markets:

- The Norwich-New London-Westerly labor market lost the most jobs, down 400, or 0.3%.
- The Waterbury labor market shed 200 jobs, down 0.3%.
- The Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford labor market dropped 100 jobs, a loss of 0.02%.

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IF YOU GO: The MPO Peter J. Lavery Memorial Ride leaves Churchill Park at 10 a.m. on Sept. 18, escorted by many officers from throughout the state. The ride is held rain or shine. Firefighters, police officers and residents cheer on riders as they pass through Newington, Berlin, Rocky Hill, Cromwell, Middletown, Portland, Glastonbury and Wethersfield before returning to Churchill Park at about 11:15 a.m. For more info, visit www.peterlavery.org or follow MPO Peter J. Lavery Memorial Run on Facebook.

Officer

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Lavery was killed and still remembers the radio call on Dec. 30, 2004.

Lavery did everything correctly that night, colleagues have said, but it was an "ambush" — and there's not much that can be done in that situation, Clark said.

Lavery entered the home after being told there were no guns in the house, only to be shot by Bruce A. Carrier, a former prison guard with a long criminal record. Carrier, who used an assault weapon illegally modified to fire automatically, died by suicide after a 12-hour standoff with police.

"It was a routine call. It started as a routine check welfare call. How quickly it escalated. How quickly lives can change," Clark said. "You can do everything right, and it can still cost you your life."

Clark said the scholarship helps provide financial incentives for possible new recruits as well as honoring Lavery.

"I think the motorcycle ride is a great way to keep his memory alive," Clark said. "We're having a difficult time recruiting new officers."

The Laverys grew up in Newington and became friends in high school. She went off to college, he went to work and later they connected romantically. At the beginning of his career, Peter Lavery was a member of the Connecticut Army National Guard. He retired after 20 years.

"He wanted to be a police officer and a military man," Pam Lavery said.

Peter Lavery was so well-loved, his widow said, even people he had come in contact with as a police officer attended his funeral.

As for the grief, Pam Lavery said, "It's always there."

Pam Lavery said her husband often attended large memorial events for veterans, victims of 9/11 and more. An avid motorcyclist, Lavery was Newington's first motorcycle cop and an architect of its motorcycle program, Clark said.

Although most of Newington's current police officers did not know Lavery, his legacy at the department is strong. The department is "invested in keeping his memory alive," Pam Lavery said. There is a memorial to Lavery at the station now re-named the "Peter J. Lavery Law Enforcement Center," and a portion of New Britain Avenue was named "Officer Peter Lavery Memorial Highway" in his memory.

"He had an amazing life," Pam Lavery said. "It's a tragedy his life was cut short."

Schools

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2018 as the principal of Irving A. Robbins Middle School after serving as a teacher and administrator in Glastonbury. In 2019, Hurwitz became FHS principal.

Crist graduated from FHS in 1996 and has more than two decades of experience working in the district. He has served as assistant principal of FHS since 2019.

"Mr. Crist has led efforts in the areas of the implementation of our Vision of the Global Citizen, equity initiatives, special education, social emotional learning, teaching and learning and operations in his current position. The relationships he has cultivated with students, families, faculty, and staff will serve him well as he transitions into the role of Interim Principal," Grieder said.

Poskus is entering Farmington after working as an educator and administrator for public schools in Hartford and Windsor.

"Her expertise in data-decision making, tiered interventions, teaching and learning, equity and student well-being are highly valued in Farmington and we welcome her to our school district for the 2022-2023 school year," Grieder said.

CONNECTICUT

Enfield eyes public safety complex addition

Residents encouraged to weigh in at public hearing set for Aug. 29

By Steve Smith
Courant Community

ENFIELD — The Enfield Town Council has proposed a major addition to the public safety complex that is described as a "state-of-the-art training center" and wants residents to weigh in on it.

The addition, if it were ultimately approved, would be built on town-owned land, adjacent to the existing public safety facility.

The council set Aug. 29 as the date for the public hearing during which residents will be able to voice their thoughts on the proposed facility,

Council member Nick Hopkins said that a similar proposal was previously shot down, but that he's glad it's back before residents.

Zoppo-Sassu

"There are compelling public interest needs for this," Hopkins said. "I think it's really important that it goes back to the public to consider, because it is in the public's hands."

Council member Michael Ludwick questioned whether funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, totaling $2.5 million, remain available. He also wanted the current plans made available to the public.

"I'm all for the project. I think it's a great project," Ludwick said. "However, we're rushing this in August, and the public hasn't seen [the [plans]. Do we have these things in writing? These are some big questions."

Town Manager Ellen Zoppo-Sassu said the information is going to be publicized, and that the funds are still in place from the state.

"The funds are still there, and there's a penciled-in 'Enfield,' " Zoppo-Sassu said. "But, it's not in pen. So, if it passes this time, those funds come to Enfield. If it doesn't pass this time, those funds will be retracted and given to another community."

Zoppo-Sassu said the project would have an elevated cost of about $100,000.

Council member Cynthia Mangini said that, in her opinion, the previous referendum failed because that particular vote was overwhelmed with other projects, but also because there was not enough information shared. Had there been more, she said, the project may have passed.

"I don't think we marketed it effectively," Mangini said. "Enfield would be well-served to be a recipient of more funding, and we would benefit from other town use, should this pass. We really and truly do need this complex. I'm encouraging that we go forward, and that the public understand a little better of why and how this project will be presented."

The council voted 9-1, with Ludwick the lone dissenting vote, for the public hearing to take place on Aug. 29. For more information, visit www.enfield-ct.gov.

Don't feel like going out? Arts venues offering plenty online.

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Streaming is still a thing. When COVID first happened and arts venues closed down for months, theaters and musicians and comedians shifted online. There were living room concerts, performances on stages in otherwise shuttered theaters, concerts beamed from artists' own living rooms.

With new strains of the COVID virus still a threat and people still making careful decisions about where and how often to go out, virtual programming remains a great entertainment option. There's only a fraction of the offerings that there were a couple of years ago, but there are more than enough to liven up the odd evening when you just don't feel like leaving the house.

Earlier this month, the Long Wharf Theatre in New Haven live-streamed its third annual "Black Trans Women at the Center" festival of short plays, for a single live free virtual performance. Play-reading festivals are a great example of the type of event that has thrived online. Playreadings are often unadorned, script-in-hand affairs with no sets or props.

Churches were some of the strongest and most reliable adopters of streaming technology during COVID. Long after the congregations were able to return to the pews, many continue to stream not just their religious services but talks and musical concerts. Hartford's Cathedral of St. Joseph is among the many churches that not only live stream music events but keep an online archive of them.

City and town libraries throughout the state, including Hartford Public Library, still regularly stream concerts and discussions.

Here's a small sampling of homegrown Connecticut streaming events to look out for:

Theater

TheaterWorks Hartford has been offering pre-taped streaming versions of each of the shows in its current seasons. Due to union rules, they can only be online for a limited time. TheaterWorks' current offering, "Secondo" (a sequel to the 2012 hit "I Loved, I Lost, I Made Spaghetti") streams Aug. 21 through Sept. 4. Tickets are $20. theaterworkshartford.org.

ACT of Connecticut was one of the first professional (Equity union) theaters in the state to get back to live onstage shows after the COVID shutdown. During the shutdown, it is one of the first to create star-studded original programming. Its concert special "Live With Stephen Schwartz and Friends," featuring the "Wicked" and "Pippin" and "Godspell" composer (and Ridgefield resident), remains online. A cabaret revue performed by performers who are masked when not singing, and stay distanced from each other, the show endures as a snapshot of how things felt and sounded in the early days of the pandemic. actofct.org/special-livestreams.

Goodspeed Musicals has left up dozens of episodes of several podcasts it produced during the pandemic, including Goodspeed artistic director Donna Lynn Hilton's "In the (Home) Office." Some of the webcasts have become newly relevant, such as the one with Toby Marlow and Lucy Moss, whose hit musical "Six" will be coming to The Bushnell on tour during the 2022-23 theater season. goodspeed.org/from-home.

The Time's Fool theater company, which is staging an outdoor non-virtual "Macbeth" outside Keeney Memorial Cultural Center in Wethersfield this week, has a holiday show from last year still posted on its website. It's a one-man "A Christmas Carol" adapted and performed by Time's Fool's producing artistic director Wesley Broulik. timesfool.org/radiocast/blog-post-achristmascarol.

Books

Two of the busiest streamers in the state when it comes to book discussions are the Mark Twain House & Museum in Hartford and RJ Julia Booksellers in Madison.

Among the Twain House's many upcoming online offerings are talks with authors Mansi Choksi ("The Newlyweds: Rearranging Marriage in Modern India") Sept. 6 at 7 p.m.; British librarian Richard Ovenden ("Burning the Books: A History of the Deliberate Destruction of Knowledge") Sept. 21 at noon; fantasy writer Alex Jennings' "The Ballad of Perilous Graves" Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.; and novelist Sara Nović (whose novel "True Biz" is about a school for the deaf, leading to the discussion being ASL-interpreted) Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. marktwainhouse.org/events/.

RJ Julia's upcoming virtual talks include mystery novelist Ann Cleeves Sept. 8 at 6 p.m.; award-winning British novelist Julian Barnes ("Flaubert's Parrot" and the new "Elizabeth Finch") Sept. 15 at 4 p.m.; and another Brit, mystery/thriller writer (and creator of TV's "Foyle's War") Anthony Horowitz Nov. 15 at noon. Registration required. rjjulia.com/events. RJ Julia also maintains an archive of past talks on its YouTube channel.

Todd Alsup's concert "Elton Undressed" is still streaming via TheaterWorks Hartford's website. **THEATERWORKS HARTFORD/COURTESY**

Art

The Wadsworth Atheneum has virtual versions of over a dozen art exhibitions. Most of them, including two that were in the Wadsworth's MATRIX space for contemporary artists, closed a while ago and can't be seen in person anymore. Others are ongoing exhibits such as "Cabinet of Art & Curiosity." thewadsworth.org/explore/virtual-tours/.

Yale Art Gallery has been live streaming talks with artists and art historians. On Sept. 7 at 12:30 p.m., the gallery's associate curator of African Art James Green will preview the exhibition "Bámigbóyè: A Master Sculptor of the Yorùbá Tradition." Registration is at bit.ly/3zErJ04.

Music

The Yale School of Music continues to live stream concerts and recitals. In the fall, student recitals and selected concerts will be live-streamed. music.yale.edu/livestream-norfolk.

TheaterWorks Hartford is streaming its self-produced concert from last year: pianist Todd Alsup performing "Elton Undressed," a tribute to the glam-pop icon, through the end of this year. $20. theaterworkshartford.org.

The Hartt School at the University of Hartford is live streaming nearly 20 events between now and the end of the year at hartford.edu. These include concerts by the Hartt Wind Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 17 and Oct. 14; and "Evening with Guitar and Harp" concerts on Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

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Hartford gets $1.1M for costs of pandemic

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced on Thursday that Hartford will receive $1.1 million for the costs of protecting the public during the COVID pandemic.

FEMA said the grant will reimburse the city for a variety of pandemic-related costs, including the distribution of personal protective equipment to essential workers and local citizens; the providing of cleaning and disinfecting supplies for city buildings and sheltering for homeless individuals and families; providing temporary staffing services for the city's homeless shelters and isolation centers between April and December 2020; covering the cost of renting the 1st Company Governor's Foot Guard Armory for use as a quarantine shelter for people who tested positive; and transporting residents to medical facilities.

"FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the State of Connecticut with these costs," FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich said. "Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation."

FEMA says it has provided almost $466 million in public assistance grants to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.

Sales tax-free week starts Aug. 21 in Connecticut. Clothing and footwear less than $100 per item are exempt from sales tax, and the exemption applies regardless of how many items are purchased. **SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL**

Back-to-school shoppers get a break

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Tax-free week, timed to coincide with back-to-school shopping, is Aug. 21-27 in Connecticut.

During this seven-day period, clothing and footwear that costs less than $100 per item will be exempt from the 6.35% Connecticut sales and use tax. This exemption applies regardless of how many items are purchased at a time.

Certain items are excluded, including clothing or footwear exclusively worn for athletic activity, as well as jewelry, handbags, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches, and similar items that are carried or worn but are not clothing.

The sales-tax holiday is a traditional back-to-school offering in Connecticut. This is the second sales-tax holiday this year. The first was in April, and this is the first year that a second week was added.

The tax-holiday weeks are offered "to help families stretch their dollar a little bit more during this busy time, while also giving businesses an extra boost to their bottom line," Gov. Ned Lamont said at a news conference this week.

"This is also an excellent opportunity to shop at some of our state's locally owned retailers and support the many great small businesses we have in Connecticut."

Tax-free week is monitored by the state Department of Revenue Services.

"We hope that the families of Connecticut can combine this holiday with his other initiatives such as the child tax rebate to ensure their children and loved ones are ready for the start of a great new school year," said DRS Commissioner Mark Boughton.

The tax exemption applies even if a qualified item is paid for during tax-free week but not delivered until after the week is over. It also applies to mail-order, telephone and internet sales if the order is placed and paid for during the seven-day period.

Items that are on sale, which usually are more than $100 and with the sale price are less than $100, qualify for the tax exemption. Items that offer rebates that lower the price below $100 do not qualify for the exemption.

Items costing less than $100 that are bought with a previously issued rain check are eligible, but rain checks issued during the tax-free week and redeemed afterward are not eligible.

Items put on layaway are exempt from the tax as long as the layaway begins, and the first deposit is paid, in the seven-day period. More details at portal.ct.gov.

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3 months after open, restaurant shutters

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Phatty Wagon Kitchen, the in-house restaurant at We-Ha Brewing and Roasting in West Hartford, has announced it is shutting down less than three months after it opened.

Owner-chef Nick Glenn posted on Facebook on Wednesday: "Though our journey was short, we are very proud of the product we provided and full of joy with the support we received. We will be back, make no mistake about that. The Phatty Wagon dream is just on a short break."

In a phone interview, Glenn said that the industry is "really tough right now.

"Food is through the roof and people are not coming out as much as they used to," Glenn said. "We don't have what we need to keep going. We are figuring out our next move but as far as that location, we're not going to continue there."

The brewery and coffeehouse will remain open.

Phatty Wagon opened May 18 in the brewery-coffeehouse at 141 Shield St. Glenn called it a "food circus," that offered tacos, burgers, wraps, sandwiches, fries and other foods chosen for their compatability with the 12 varieties of beers brewed on-site.

Glenn said he doesn't know where or how Phatty Wagon will resurface, but urged fans of the food to like its Facebook page for updates at facebook.com/phattywagon.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Dorothy A. Lanko (22-00687)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated August 16, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION
OLD SAYBROOK ZONING COMMISSION

At the Old Saybrook Zoning Commission Regular meeting of August 15, 2022 the following decisions were rendered:

"Hanford Commons" Application for Site Plan Review for Affordable Housing (CGS 8-30g) Development to construct a three story (20,539 s.f.) apartment building (15 units total/5 affordable) 101 Lynde Street, Map 36/Lot 88, Residence A District, Pedestrian Node Applicant: Hanford Commons, LLC Owner: 101 Lynde Street, LLC Agent: Marjorie Shansky, Esq.
APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

"Hanford Commons" Application to modify approved Site Plan for Affordable Housing (CGS 8-30g) Development for 8 Residential Units (9,313 s.f.).
99 Lynde Street, Map 36/Lot 87, Residence A District, Pedestrian Node Applicant: Hanford Commons, LLC Owner: 99 Lynde Street, LLC Agent: Marjorie Shansky, Esq.
APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

"Hanford Commons" Application to modify approved Site Plan for Affordable Housing (CGS 8-30g) Development to construct a three story, 23,292 s.f. apartment building (19 units total/6 affordable) and a three car 962 s.f. garage.
109 Lynde Street, Map 36/Lot 89, Residence A District, Pedestrian Node Applicant: Hanford Commons, LLC Owner: 109 Lynde Street, LLC Agent: Marjorie Shansky, Esq.
APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Dated at Old Saybrook, Connecticut this 19th day of August, 2022
Robert Friedmann, Chairman

August 19, 2022 7271501

LEGAL NOTICE
CHESTER PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF DECISION

On August 15, 2022, the Chester Planning & Zoning Commission approved, the following application: Special Exception Application: 204 West Main Street, Map 12, Lot 43. Applicant: Camp Hazen YMCA. Details of the application and decision may be obtained by emailing zoningofficial@chesterct.org.

Bettie Perreault, Secretary
Chester Planning & Zoning Commission
8/19/2022 7271042

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Robert S. Bishel, Late Of Middletown (22-00784)

The Hon. Joseph D. Marino, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Middletown Probate Court, by decree dated August 16, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Vito Cedro, Jr., Late of Clinton (22-0461)

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated July 29, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Jacqueline Craco, Assistant Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
MIDDLETOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022
PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES. PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS PRIOR TO OR AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

Request for a variance of Section 44.08.28 B for the proposed construction of a new two family dwelling located on Woodward Avenue Map-Lot: 22-0353 in the RPZ. Applicant/Agent: Matthew Pegolo/Peg/Arch Architecture. V2022-8
Steven Kovach, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals
8/19, 8/26/2022 7270764

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Jacqueline Rita McCracken, Late of Clinton (22-0469)

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Jacqueline Craco, Assistant Clerk

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August 19, 2022 7272229

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF David L. Latham (22-00697)

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The fiduciary is:
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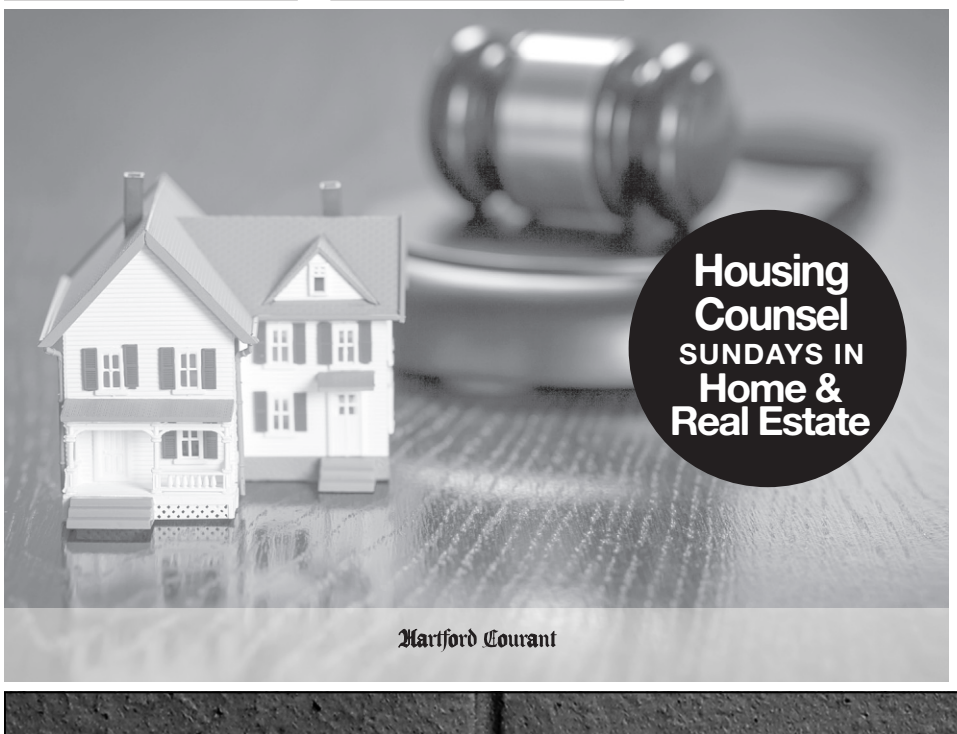

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OPINION

Cheney needs a fight strategy

Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., who lost her House seat Tuesday, vows to continue her battle against former President Donald Trump. **JAE C. HONG/AP**

By Jonathan Bernstein
Bloomberg Opinion

Two years ago, Wyoming Republican Liz Cheney was on her way to being a future speaker of the House. She was the third-ranking House Republican with a totally safe seat. She lost that position in the House Republican conference, and now has lost her seat entirely. All because she decided to stand with the Constitution and the republic, and against the crimes of a Republican president.

An underappreciated factor in Cheney's rise and fall was that she was always a national politician who snagged a Wyoming seat. She was born in Wisconsin, went to high school near Washington, and went to college in Colorado before starting a Washington-based career in government and politics.

Her first attempt at winning office in Wyoming — a short-lived 2014 primary challenge to GOP Sen. Mike Enzi — struggled with accusations of carpetbagging. In 2016, she was able to overcome that to win the vacant House seat, but her focus has always been on national, not local, policy questions.

She never built the kinds of deep connections that many members of the House have within their own districts.

Even her father, who certainly was from Wyoming, didn't really spend much time in the state after college, especially after representing the state in the House from 1979 to 1989. He, too, entered politics as a national, not a local, politician.

There's nothing wrong with that at all; the same has been true of many congressional leaders. But the weaker the district ties, the more vulnerable the representative presumably is to shake-ups. She won her elections as a strong Republican partisan; she lost Tuesday as one of the only Republicans in Washington opposing the last Republican president.

She campaigned as a national candidate against Trump, not as a local politician at all; her final two-minute ad was explicitly addressed as much to a national as to a state audience. This was not a candidate running as a "trustee" — a representative asking the electorate to trust her to make decisions on their behalf.

It wasn't even a candidate running against her opponents, who she barely mentioned, as irresponsible opponents of democracy. Instead, Cheney was basically asking Republicans to use their vote to oppose a former president who wasn't even on the ballot.

That's going to be a hard sell, even if Republican voters had serious doubts about Trump.

Whether she was seriously attempting reelection or not, Cheney's defense of democracy and the rule of law has been superb, as have been her contributions to the Jan. 6 select committee.

She now pledges to continue her fight against Trump, perhaps with a presidential candidacy. It's hard to see how contesting Republican primaries would achieve her goals, however, if Trump does run in 2024. An explicit anti-Trump candidate would appear to have no chance at all to be nominated. If anything, such a campaign would be likely to split the anti-Trump vote and help him win.

A third-party anti-Trump candidate in the general election might be more successful. In 2000, Ralph Nader concentrated his third-party campaign on contested states, and in those states he worked to secure the votes of those who would otherwise have backed the Democratic nominee, Al Gore. But even if Cheney was willing to campaign in order to elect a Democrat over Trump, it would still be a tricky proposition, since she might wind up winning votes that otherwise would have gone to the Democratic candidate. A true Nader-like anti-Trump candidate would more likely ignore Trump's crimes and offenses and campaign purely on extreme conservative policy preferences, hoping to peel away some Republicans who might be tempted at the thought of voting for a True Conservative.

Oddly enough, Cheney's father was on his way to being speaker of the House when his own career path was altered in 1989; Dick Cheney was the second-ranked House Republican behind a soon-to-retire party leader, but he became George H.W. Bush's replacement secretary of defense when Bush's first choice was defeated in the Senate.

What's more, Dick Cheney's biggest accomplishment during his House career also involved serving on a select committee, in his case the one investigating the Iran-Contra affair — and his role was to limit the political damage of the investigation, not to help make it effective. It certainly doesn't appear likely at this point that Liz Cheney will wind up a Cabinet secretary, let alone vice president or president. But as hard as it is to see a next step that helps her fix the Republican Party and revive its commitment to the Constitution and the rule of law, she may actually wind up as having the more important political career anyway.

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Rushdie attack shows hard truths of Iran's soft power

By Bobby Ghosh
Bloomberg Opinion

My Iranian friends take great pride in the enormous global influence of their cultural heritage. From the Taj Mahal in India to American greeting cards with quotations from Rumi, the markers of Persian civilization are ancient and modern, sublime and ridiculous — but above all, ubiquitous.

For the most part, this spread occurred organically: No state-sponsored advertising campaign was required to convince gourmands everywhere that fasenjan, a stew of duck or chicken in walnut paste and pomegranate molasses, tastes divine.

But some cultural elements — the Shia faith, most of all — have for centuries been promoted by Iran's rulers.

The current theocratic dispensation in Tehran regards much of Persian culture with undisguised disgust, proscribing as impure any expression of Iran's pre-Islamic history and condemning as sinful anything that doesn't conform to the regime's dour worldview. Instead, it has patronized murder and mayhem as its instruments of influence, at home and abroad.

The attempted murder of Salman Rushdie, 33 years after Iran's then-supreme leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, issued a religious edict calling for his death, is only the latest manifestation of the Islamic Republic's debased soft power.

Khomeini himself once aimed higher: He had a grand plan to internationalize the Shia revolution that brought him to power in 1979. When that failed — the ayatollah was admired by many in the Sunni-majority Arab states, but he never won their fealty — his successors settled for exporting sectarian discord by financing and arming a network of Shiite militias and terrorist groups across the Middle East.

The task of setting up this matrix of menace was assigned to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, which evolved over the decades from Khomeini's personal militia to the Iranian state's most powerful security arm. And no IRGC commander did more to expand its influence than Qassem Soleimani, leader of a unit known as the Qods Force, who came to be designated a terrorist by the U.S. and sanctioned by the European Union and the United Nations.

Under his supervision, the IRGC and its proxies seeded chaos in Arab nations from Syria and Lebanon to Iran and Yemen. By 2020, when he was taken out by an American drone strike, Soleimani had his sights farther afield, with an assassination campaign against dissidents and detractors — and especially Israelis — in Europe and Asia.

Taking a leaf out of the post-9/11 al-Qaida playbook, the IRGC also began to recruit sympathizers living in the West to target high-profile figures like the Saudi ambassador to Washington. Since Soleimani's death, it has grown more ambitious and reckless, targeting top American officials like former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and former national security adviser John Bolton, as well as prominent anti-regime activists based in the U.S., like Masih Alinejad.

So it is no surprise to learn, from Vice News, that Rushdie's attacker, a New Jersey resident and admirer of Khomeini, had been in direct contact on social media with members of the IRGC.

Hadi Matar, U.S.-born and of Lebanese ancestry, was also sympathetic to Hezbollah, the primus inter pares of all proxy groups in the IRGC's network.

The attack on Rushdie is unlikely to be the last.

As an instrument of a regime that defines itself by what it opposes — America, Israel and the West — the IRGC has a great deal to gain from such assaults, whether they are directly controlled or merely inspired and encouraged. The triumphant coverage of the attempt on Rushdie in the Iranian media, much of it controlled by the IRGC or its acolytes, has drowned out the foreign ministry's denial of any involvement.

In the days ahead, expect IRGC commanders to heap praise on Rushdie's assailant. This is the dog whistle they use, a way not just of claiming credit without taking responsibility, but also of hyping their soft power, defined by Joseph Nye in another context as "the ability to influence others by attraction rather than coercion or payment."

The sotto-voce message is that the IRGC has both a long memory and a long reach. Even though Matar failed — Rushdie is, thankfully, alive — the signal from Tehran is that enemies of the regime can be attacked anywhere, even in the US, and at any time, even decades after the regime first put a target on their backs.

The IRGC will count on this to enhance its image — among its own ranks, its proxies and potential recruits — as an international player, inviting comparisons with America's CIA and Israel's Mossad. That, more than the quatrains of Omar Khayyam or the gorgeous rugs of Kerman, is the soft power that matters to Tehran.

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Deceptive name, marketing of Inflation Reduction Act

By E.J. Antoni
The Heritage Foundation

The so-called Inflation Reduction Act is one of the greatest examples of deceptive marketing around today. Not only will the legislation fail to reduce inflation, it will further increase prices.

Inflation is fundamentally a problem of too much money chasing too few goods and services.

It was hardly a surprise: In the last two years, the government has spent, borrowed and printed trillions of dollars while also hamstringing production in the economy.

The result was a vast increase in the amount of money in circulation without comparable growth in the size of the real economy. All that extra money bid up the price up goods and services, a phenomenon we call inflation.

Unfortunately, this latest piece of legislation in Washington does nothing to solve the problem.

It does not reduce the amount of money in circulation. Worse, it reduces the quantity of goods and services through measures like higher energy taxes and excessive regulation.

People underestimate just how much energy affects the price of everything we do and everything we buy. Before an item can be placed on a store shelf, it had to be transported there, whether on a train, a ship, a plane, a truck or even all of these. Energy is used not just in transportation and manufacturing, but also in supplying services.

The modern world could not function without electricity. More than 60% of electricity in the U.S. comes from coal, oil and natural gas.

Additional taxes on those fuel sources under this new legislation will drive up electricity prices, which will trickle down into higher prices everywhere in the economy.

Meanwhile, natural gas is not only a widely used fuel for both power stations and home use, but also used in producing countless chemicals that go into making even more products.

Additional taxes on natural gas will make all these more expensive. The marketing around this legislation is not merely misleading, but opposite its actual effects.

The higher prices that stem from these tax increases on energy will ultimately decrease the amount of goods and services that consumers can afford. As fewer goods and services are traded, the economy contracts.

In June, sky-high energy prices proved a surefire way to decrease consumer purchases. Gasoline consumption in July fell to levels below where it was two years prior — during the pandemic when there were mandatory lockdowns, causing people to drastically cut back their driving.

As if the energy taxes were not bad enough, the legislation provides for 87,000 new IRS agents. We're told they're intended to hound tax-cheating billionaires, but this is just more deceptive marketing.

There are fewer than 3,000 billionaires in the country, and they already face high audit rates. The new army of agents will allow the IRS to perform an additional 1.2 million audits a year, far exceeding the number of billionaires supposedly in the crosshairs.

The claims about only going after those making more than $400,000 a year is also just a political talking point because when Congress had the chance to enshrine that into the statute, it was voted down by Democrats.

The expansion of the IRS will target the middle class. Unlike the claims of going after tax cheats, the massively expanded IRS will prey upon people who are overwhelmed by a 10-million-word tax code.

In one experiment, when 46 different tax professionals were given the same family's tax return to file, they produced 46 different estimates for what the family either owed or was entitled to in a refund.

Even if the IRS expansion is successful in raising billions of dollars from the already-squeezed middle and working classes, that money does not magically disappear from the economy; the government will simply spend it instead of households. The amount of currency in circulation has not been reduced, it has merely changed hands.

In other words, there is still no reduction in inflation.

The talking points and even the name of the Inflation Reduction Act are misleading at best. The more one digs into the legislation, the bigger the lies become. Perhaps a single line from the 1940s film "Pinocchio" best sums up the marketing of this tax-and-spend boondoggle: "A lie keeps growing and growing until it's as plain as the nose on your face."

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OBITUARIES

Goodwin, Claire

Claire Goodwin, beloved mother of Robert Goodwin of Columbia MD and grandmother of Julie Goodwin Weber of Gaithersburg MD, Daniel Goodwin of Ellicott City MD, and David Goodwin of Vienna VA passed from this world peacefully on August 13. She was the widow of World War 2 Army veteran Leonard Goodwin who predeceased her in 1973 and the daughter of Samuel and Mollie Sweig. She was the sister of Arnold Sweig, Bernice Levine, Gertrude Portnoy, Marvis Bogatz, Ruth Stoner, Allen Sweig and Charlyn Adler all of whom predeceased her. Born in Plainville, CT she resided in Hartford, Worcester MA, Springfield MA, Philadelphia PA, Simsbury CT, West Hartford CT, Hallandale FL, Hollywood FL and finally in Columbia MD. She received her bachelor's degree in Education from what is now CCSU in 1943 and taught high school English and history from 1943 to 1968. Besides education and English literature, her interests included opera. Graveside ceremony was held at Beth Alom Cemetery in New Britain

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LaPointe, John Michael

December 18, 1951 ~ August 13, 2022 (age 70)

John Michael LaPointe, 70, of East Hartford, CT passed with his devoted wife by his side on August 13, 2022. The son of the late Robert LaPointe and Anita (Martin) Pinette and her husband Sylvio Pinette. Loved and respected by many, he earned his Masters Degree from Central Connecticut College in Design Engineering. He was employed at Pratt and Whitney in both Middletown and East Hartford, CT until the time of his passing. John was kind and intelligent - he loved learning. He was a master of all trades and worked hard at improving and taking care of his home. He loved gardening and had a green thumb. He was also an organ donor recipient in 2020. He leaves behind his beloved wife Dori (Flagg) LaPointe. His children Micheal of Newington, CT, Nicole and her daughters, Corey and Olivia from CT, as well as Dori's children, Jordan Hilton of Dayville, CT. Tasha Daqenais and her husband Nick of Thompson, CT, Jarvis Hilton of East Hartford, CT, and his two sons, Clark and Adrian to whom he was Pepré. He also leaves behind his canine companions Mitze and Remey.
Services will be private at the request of the family.

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Reilly, Jacqueline

Jacqueline Joyce (Bartman) Reilly, 97, of Manchester, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 14, 2022.
Jacqueline was born October 27, 1924, in Hartford to Benjamin and Margaret (Evans) Bartman, the third of five daughters.
Jacqueline's sense of volunteerism and love of her country first evidenced themselves in her teens. At the age of 20, she was awarded the Civilian Defense Award from the Connecticut War Council for 1000 hours of volunteer service during WWII. Her deep patriotism and commitment to service remained constant throughout her life.

In 1947, Jacqueline began working for the state of Connecticut and worked her way up to the Department of Finance and Control. It was there she met her future husband Frank J. Reilly; they married in 1960. After 27 years of service to the state, Jacqueline retired in 1974.

After retirement, Jacqueline continued to put her finance skills to good use. She and Frank were "counters" for Center Congregational Church of Manchester for many years. In 1990, she joined the Order of the Eastern Star and served as treasurer for Temple Chapter No. 53.
In the late 1990s, Frank was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, and Jacqueline devoted herself to his care until his passing in 2000. She then found an outlet with the Manchester Senior Center and was both an active participant and ready volunteer. She especially loved line dancing and exercise classes with her dear friend Rita Kopecki by her side. Family was precious to Jacqueline, and she treasured time spent with her sisters, whether shopping, going to the casino, reminiscing about their childhood on South Street, or holiday gatherings.
Jacqueline Reilly was a strong, fiercely independent, generous woman who exemplifies a life well-lived. She will be deeply missed.
The family is beyond grateful to the staff of Harbor Chase, her aides from The Key, and Visiting Nurse & Health Services Of Vernon/Connecticut for their professional and compassionate care of Jackie these past 10 months.
In addition to her parents and Frank, Jacqueline was predeceased by her sisters Shirley Bartman, Beverly (Paul) Fazzino, Eunice (Samuel) Scharr, and Janice (John) Patrick. She is survived by her loving nieces and nephews: Margaret (Rocco) Mazzoccoli, Nadine Keane, Gregory Scharr, Paige (Andrew) Weinstein, John (Pamela) Patrick, Benjamin (Lisa) Patrick, and Jacqueline (Vincent) Forte, and their families.
A funeral service will take place at Center Congregational Church in Manchester, Tuesday, August 23, at 10 a.m., followed by interment at Union Hill Cemetery in East Hampton.
In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Jacqueline's memory may be made to any of the following:
Center Congregational Church, 11 Center St, Manchester, CT 06040
Manchester Senior Citizens Center, 549 Middle Turnpike E, Manchester, CT 06040
Alzheimer's Association at https://act.alz.org/
Visiting Nurse and Health Services of Connecticut, 8 Keynote Dr., Vernon, CT 06066
To leave an online condolence, or visit Jacqueline's tribute, please visit www.holmeswatkins.com

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Brown, Sr., Robert W.

Robert Wilder Brown, Sr., 98, husband of 70 years to the late Etta S. Brown, died peacefully on Friday, August 12, 2022 at Middlesex Hospital.
Born in Middlefield on July 10, 1924, he was the son of the late Wilder Cleveland Brown and Ann Leining Peckham Brown.
Robert, known to most as Bob and to some as "Ike" from "Mike and Ike", resided most of his long life in Middlefield and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1943. He entered military service and was a combat veteran of WWII having served with the US Army, 263 Infantry Reg, 66th Infantry Div. in northern France. After service in the Army, he used the GI bill to become a commercial pilot and certified flight instructor. Robert served as a commercial pilot for a small local airline for several years. Flying was his life's passion. He was a flight instructor for over 70 years. Robert was flying aircraft into his early 90's, mostly on Sunday mornings with his nephews Jon and Rob at Meriden Markham Airport. He was a man of many talents. In his younger years he played drums in a local band, and he built his house from a mail order kit which came delivered to the Middlefield railroad station on a flatbed railroad car. He also enjoyed making pizza and franks and beans for his young family on the weekends. Robert was employed by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft for 33 years, retiring in 1989. He was well-known for his sense of humor and easy-going personality to the many establishments along RT-17 in Durham and Middletown who treated him with kindness over the years, which the family appreciates. To those who were entertained by Dad's stories and who participated in his "radio program", he says "Thank You, Thank You, Thank You".
Robert is survived by his daughter, Patrice (James Flaherty); his sons, Curt, Robert Jr. (Kris) and Peter (Jennifer); his grandchildren, Tyler Brown and Caitlin Brown; and his great grandchildren, Lennon and Abbey. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.
In addition to his wife and parents, Robert was predeceased by his son, Eric P. Brown; his sisters, Irma Morse, Marian Doane and Lynette Brayshaw; and his brother, Alan.
Family and friends are invited to attend calling hours on Tuesday, August 23rd from 9:00 to 11:00AM at the John J. Ferry & Sons Funeral Home, 88 East Main St., Meriden, CT 06450. A funeral service will follow at 11AM. Burial with military honors will follow immediately after the service in Middlefield Cemetery.
In lieu of flowers, contributions in Robert's memory may be made to Disabled American Veterans. www.dav.org
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Flannigan, James R.

James R. Flannigan, 90, of Cromwell, formerly of Middletown, husband of Janet (Scanlon) Flannigan, died Monday August 15, 2022 at Middlesex Hospital. He was born in Portland, the son of the late John Flannigan, Sr. and Diane (Pelchat) Begley. A veteran of the Korean War, James served with the US Army. Prior to his retirement, he was a carpenter at CT Valley Hospital. James was a lifetime member of the B.P.O. Elks Lodge 771. He enjoyed watching the UCONN women's basketball team, spending time with his family and visiting his nephew Eugene Flannigan of Middletown. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters, Charlene Valentine (David) of Arroyo Grande, CA and Pamela Daniels (George) of Groton, CT; three granddaughters, Nicolette Andolfo (Matthew), Cara Brooks (Daniel) and Morgan Daniels (Peter); four great grandchildren, Elyse, Donnan, Ada, and Rayna; also several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, John and Harold Flannigan; and sister, Jeanne Zadroga. Funeral services and burial are private. There are no calling hours. Those who wish may send memorial contributions to the Hospice Unit of Middlesex Health Care, c/o Dept. of Philanthropy, 28 Crescent St., Middletown, CT 06457 or Mercy Ships at https://donate.mercyships.org/for/y9dj4x/. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Koziol, Hannelore M.

Hannelore M. Koziol, known by many as "Lori", passed away on Sunday, August 14, 2022 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was 79 years young. Lori was born in Augsburg, Germany on January 9th, 1943 to the late Johann Gruber and Klara Haunz, during a tumultuous time in a war-torn country. Lori's family survived, endured, and thrived while embracing their rich Bavarian culture, growing up just miles away from Neuschwanstein Castle. She participated in the musical arts of opera and theater during her childhood in Germany. She made her way to the United States in her early 20s. She met Mitchel Koziol, a shop teacher while working as a guidance secretary for the Tahanto High School. Following their marriage, they moved to Colchester and together they raised four children in Colchester CT. Lori was very passionate about offering herself to her community. She was a girl scout leader and worked as a registrar for the Boy Scouts of America. Upon her early retirement due to health reasons, she continued to donate her time to the Boy Scouts. She was selfless in her commitment to various activities for Crop Walk, soup kitchen and many more ministries through the Colchester Federated Church. People easily recognized for her warm and welcoming greetings.
Lori was an energetic and meticulous homemaker. Her table was perfectly set, her food was always delicious and her attention to detail was unparalleled. She welcomed anyone to her table to share a home-cooked meal. She was an avid knitter and crocheter. Lori took pride in her 1st place ribbons for her knitted baby sweaters at the local fairs. Her favorite item to create were crocheted angels to which she made and would give to people how came into her life. Lori loved music, especially Andre Rieu, Andrea Bocelli, and Sarah Brightman. She was also passionate in her love of Lady Bugs. Hannelore will be sorely missed by her beloved husband, Mitchell Koziol; her children, Mitch (Kelly) Koziol, Marysia Koziol, Andrew Roy, and Christopher Roy; her grandchildren in descending order Madelyn Koziol, Jeffery Chabotte, Lily Koziol, Arwen Chabotte, and Jackson Koziol; and her brother Hans Gruber, residing of Germany.
Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 21, from 12:00 to 3:00 PM at the Aurora McCarthy Funeral Home. 167 Old Hartford Rd., in Colchester. Friends are invited to gather Monday morning once again at Aurora McCarthy from 9:00 to 10:30 AM, before procession to the Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main Street, Colchester for a Funeral Service at 11:00 AM.
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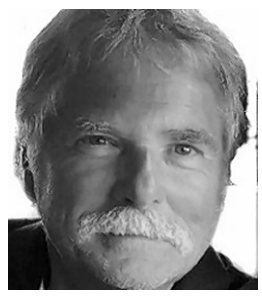

Michael Patrick Gilhooly passed away unexpectedly on August 14, 2022. He left this world the same way he lived his life, to the fullest. Born June 16, 1953 to John and Audrey Gilhooly, he was raised in Enfield, CT graduating from Enfield High School in 1972. He started his career at United Technologies Corporations and recently retired from Home Depot - Home Services. Michael was an active member of the community. He proudly served as a volunteer fireman for Glastonbury Fire Department, Co. 4 for 19 years. He was a man of faith and served as a catechism teacher at St. Dunstan's church. During his years of retirement, he volunteered at the Windsor Locks Canal.
Michael was a man of many talents, hobbies, and skills. He kept active skiing every chance he got, played horseshoes, softball, fishing, kayaking and golf. He was an avid gardener at Hilltop Community Garden and was famous for his many woodworking projects. His summers were spent in Rhode Island at his beach playground with his many friends. Michael is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Candace (Swinarski) Gilhooly and daughters Alyssa (Gilhooly) & Bobby Nerbonne, and Stacy Gilhooly & Matthew Ibos. He is also survived by his mother, Audrey Gilhooly, siblings John Gilhooly Jr, Maureen & Richard Peak, Patrick Gilhooly, Ann Rajpold, Matthew & Lisa Gilhooly, Brigid Gilhooly, Justin & Ellen Gilhooly, Brendan & Angela Gilhooly, Daniel & Mayuri Gilhooly, and George Guimond as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, John Gilhooly, his daughter, Lisa Marie Gilhooly, and his beloved companion, Zoie. Relatives and friends are welcome to join the family from 2 to 4 PM on August 21st at Leete-Stevens Funeral Home, 61 South Road, Enfield, CT 06082. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 AM on August 22nd at Sacred Heart Church, 446 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT 06078. Burial will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Enfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Glastonbury Volunteer Fire Department ("Attn: Glastonbury Fire Department" 2115 Main St. Glastonbury, CT 06033); Friends of the Windsor Locks Canal (Friends of the Canal P.O. Box 550 Suffield, CT 06078); or the American Red Cross (redcross.org/ct).
For online condolences please visit: www.leetestevens.com

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Mansolf, Christine J.

Christine J. Mansolf, 73, passed away on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at Hartford Hospital after a brief illness. Born in Meriden, CT on January 16, 1949, she was the daughter of the late Edward George Mansolf and Rose Terapane Mansolf. She had resided in Newington and graduated with a BA degree from UConn. She also received two master's degrees from UConn and Trinity College. Ms. Mansolf was employed by The State of Connecticut and retired at the age of 54.
She enjoyed painting, needlecrafts, and gardening. She was a member of Newington Art League and Newington Historical Society. She enjoyed volunteering at the Lucy Robbins Welles Library.
Christine is survived by her two brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas and Linda Mansolf of Durham, CT and Edward George and Kristi Mansolf of Ramona, CA. She is also survived by two nieces and four nephews, Alyssa Mansolf of West Hartford, Jeff Mansolf of Haddam, George, Stephanie, Harrison and Maxwell Mansolf of Ramona, CA. She was predeceased by her six uncles and five aunts.
Family and friends are invited to attend a Graveside Service to be held on Tuesday, August 23rd at 11:00 a.m. in St. Boniface Cemetery, 980 Old Colony Rd., Meriden, CT 06451. All arrangements are under the direction of the John J. Ferry & Sons Funeral Home, 88 E. Main St., Meriden, CT 06450.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Friends of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library, 100 Garfield St., Newington, CT 06111 or Newington Historical Society & Trust, Inc. 679 Willard Ave, Newington, CT 06111, identify as memorial donation.

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Yuscavitch, Joanne Tiberio

Joanne (Tiberio) Yuscavitch, 81, of South Windsor, died peacefully on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at home, surrounded by her family. She was born in Hartford, CT, daughter of the late Carl and Christina (Serignese) Tiberio. She grew up in East Hartford and was a graduate of East Hartford High School. Joanne worked at CL&P Northeast Utilities for over 20 years. She cherished the time she spent with her family, especially with her grandchildren. Joanne cherished family gatherings, enjoyed crocheting and loved her Dunkin Donuts coffee. A kind, caring, loving, and devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend to many she will be dearly missed. She leaves her children, Lisa Anderson and her husband Troy of Vernon, Michael Yuscavitch and his wife Jannette of Enfield, and Christina Freitag and her husband Dan of Enfield; her brother, Carl Tiberio Jr. of Ludlow, MA; her grandchildren, Joshua Freitag, Jessica Freitag, Nicholas Anderson, Alex Yuscavitch, and Aidan Yuscavitch; and her great grandchildren, Enya, Axton, Callie, and Hunter. She was predeceased by her daughter, Tracey Shelinbarger. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, August 25, 2022, 10 a.m., at St. Margaret Mary Church, 80 Hayes Rd., South Windsor. Burial will follow at Wapping Cemetery in South Windsor. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Joanne's memory to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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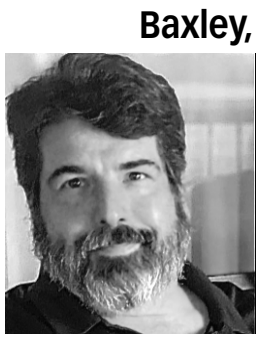

Christian Michael Baxley, 50, resident of Bristol for nearly 25 years, passed away peacefully in his sleep surrounded by loved ones on August 9, 2022. Born in Amarillo, Texas on September 14, 1971, Christian was raised in Plano, Texas and spent several years living in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He spent many years residing in Connecticut while he served as Vice President of Information Technology for Premier Response/American Customer Care. Christian was loved by so many for his generous spirit, fierce loyalty, vast knowledge, and twisted sense of humor. He will always be missed and never ever be forgotten. Rest in peace, Christian.

Funeral arrangements for Christian are private. The Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home of Centerbrook is caring for the arrangements. To share a memory of Christian or a condolence message for his family, please visit www.rwwfh.com.

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D'Eliseo, Adelia "Gemma "

Adelia "Gemma" D'Eliseo, 76, of Newington, passed away on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at home surrounded by her family. Born in Roccacasale, Italy, Gemma was the daughter of the late Carmen and Emma (Carbone) Taddei and the beloved wife of Antonio D'Eliseo for 54 years.

In addition to her husband Antonio, she is survived by her sons, Gino of Hebron and Robert and his wife Yvonne of Rocky Hill, her brothers, Nicola Taddei and his wife Yolanda of West Hartford and Ricardo Taddei and his wife Aurora of South Windsor, her sister, Carol Gallicchio of Newington, her grandchildren, Isabella, Anthony, Gino, Christian, and Gabriela, and many nieces, nephews, and extended family. Besides her parents, Gemma was predeceased by her sister, Mary Mancini and her brother-in- law, Rocco Gallicchio.

Gemma loved spending time with family. She enjoyed sitting at her kitchen table making phone calls to her family and friends, asking about their day, listening carefully to the response, and often, at some agreeable point in the conversation replying, "you're right about that". Included in her rounds were many calls to her two sons, always starting the call with "Hey Gino" or "Hey Robert" and ending with "I love you and your beautiful family".

She was one of a kind and very well loved – not just by her family, but by everyone who knew her. Prior to her retirement, she could be found at Kenney's Restaurant, now Red Rock Tavern in Hartford, waiting tables and spreading joy to everyone who walked through those doors. She was Hartford's neighborhood legend. A graduate of Hartford High 1965, Gemma was so proud of her roots. She also attended the University of Hartford and loved talking about her time there. She was a woman of very strong faith, often tuning into the Catholic channel, and attending weekly services as an active member of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Newington.

Gemma was unselfish, gave without gain and lived her life with love. She was an angel in the form of a wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, great aunt, and friend. Her loving and generous nature will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Relatives and friends are invited to call on Monday evening, August 22, 2022, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. Funeral services will begin on Tuesday, morning at 8:45 a.m. at the funeral home to the Church of the Holy Spirit, Newington, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Gemma will be laid to rest in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. To leave an online expression of sympathy for the family, please visit www: newingtonmemorial.com.

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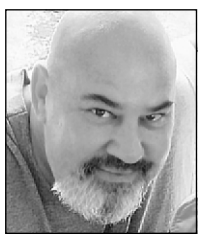

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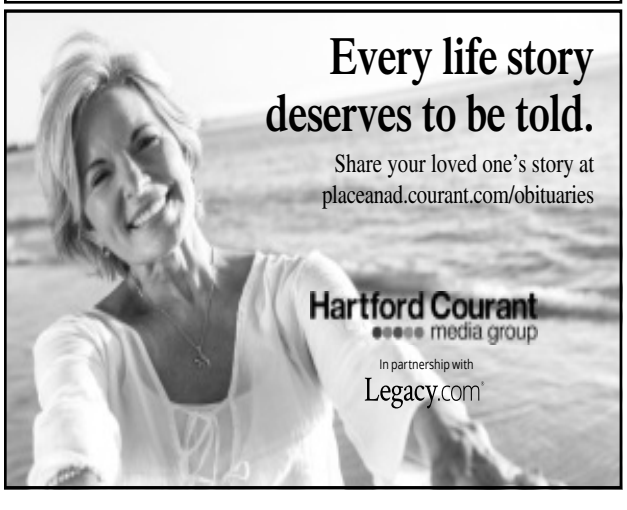
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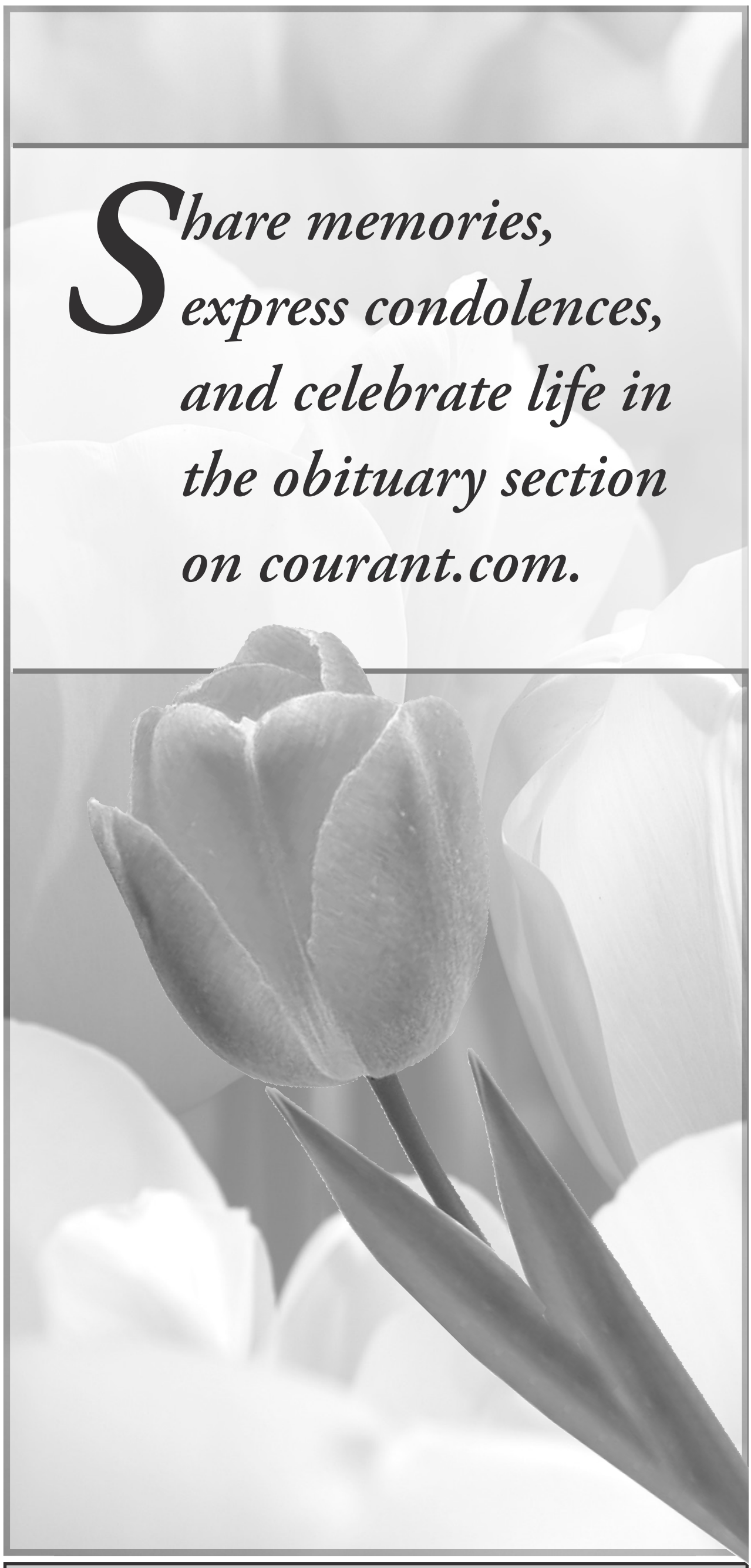

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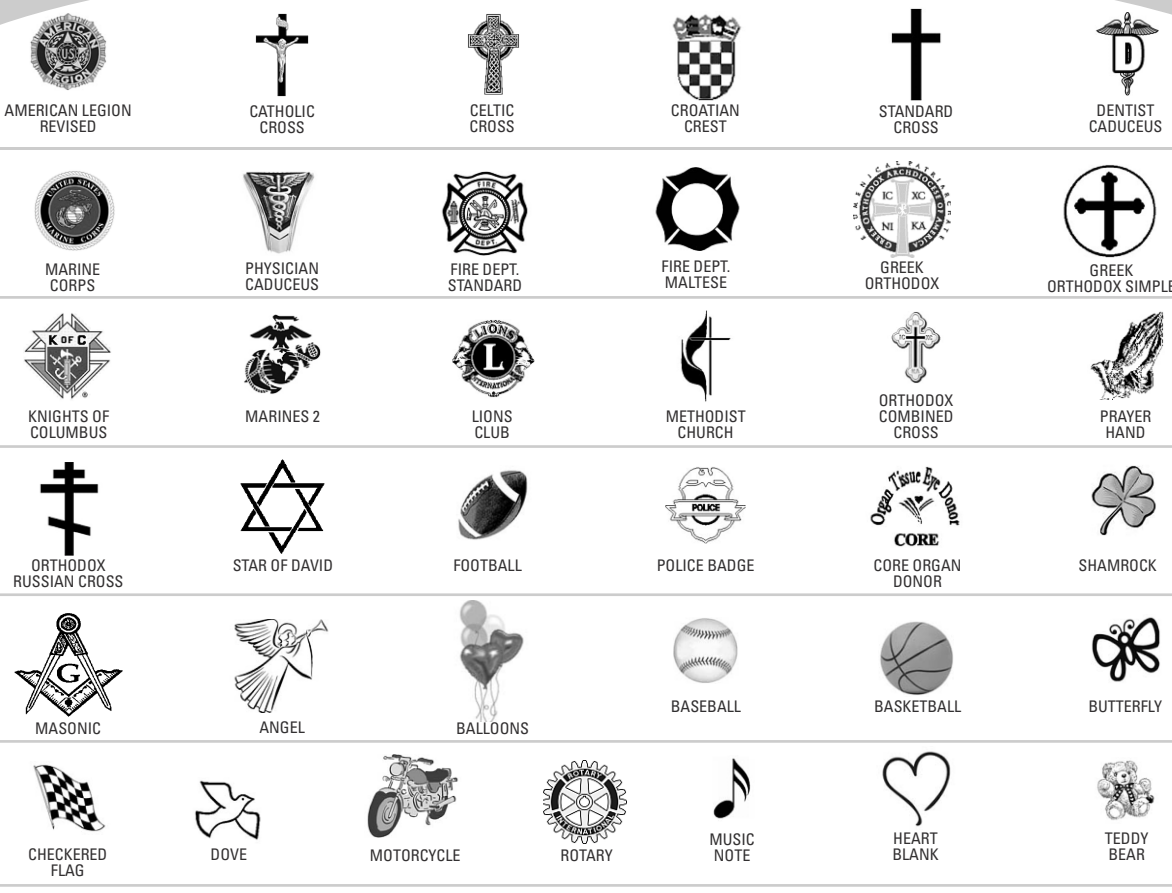

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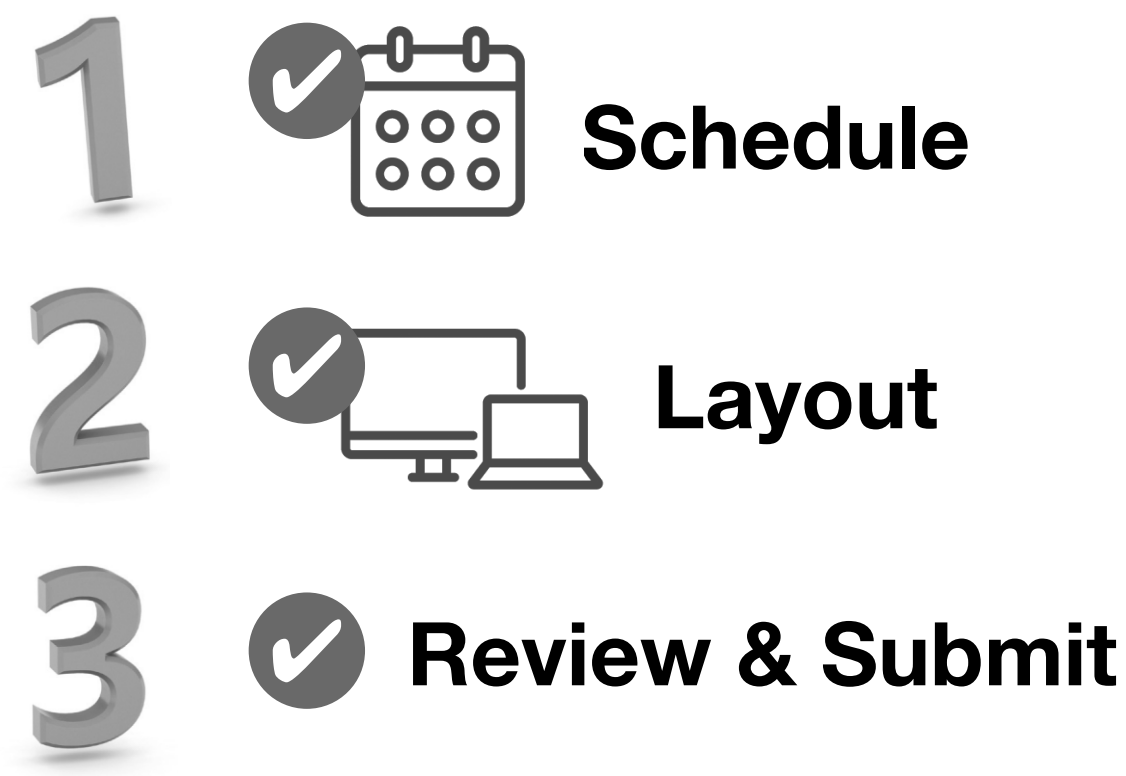

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PATRIOTS

All eyes on the offense

QB Mac Jones likely to see action vs. Panthers

By Jim McBride
Boston Globe

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Mac Jones saw improvements this week.

Will fans see Mac Jones Friday night?

The Patriots second-year quarterback said Wednesday that he hopes to play in Exhibition Game 2 against the Panthers, and that's a likely indication that he'll see at least a quarter's worth of snaps.

Following a pair of joint practices with Carolina, Jones indicated that he's feeling more comfortable in New England's new streamlined offensive scheme, and his performances bear that out.

Jones looked confident throughout the individual and teams drills (he completed around 70 percent of his passes in the seven-on-seven and 11-on-11 periods) and was less apt to duck and run for daylight as he had in some earlier practices.

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Up next
Panthers at Patriots
7 p.m., no local TV

GIANTS

Barkley irked by 'dancing' criticisms

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Saquon Barkley unloaded on critics of his running style Thursday after practice.

"I know ... a thing that's been said about me is he don't know what he's doing, he's just dancing back there," Barkley said. "I'm really kind of fed up with people who never played the position and try to speak on how I run the football. We call them All-Pros with clickers in their hand."

Barkley, 25, was responding to a question about whether he's been making a conscious effort to run more north-south.

Head coach Brian Daboll had said after the Giants' preseason opener that Barkley "hit the ball downhill [and] didn't dance" against the Patriots. The direction of Barkley's first step has been a common criticism of his game through four seasons.

But Barkley clearly had bottled up frustrations on that critique, possibly dating back to this scathing quote from an unnamed "veteran NFL offensive coach" in a July ESPN story:

"I'm down on him — he still doesn't know how to play running back enough," the coach said. "He's a bouncer. He wants every run to be a home run. He's going to have to learn that 4-yard runs in this league are good, instead of stopping, cutting it back and losing 2. And he gets his ass kicked in protection."

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SEAN D. ELLIOT/AP

WNBA PLAYOFFS

Sun-Wings in a late show

Game 1 of the first-round playoff series between coach Curt Miller, above, and his Connecticut Sun against the visiting Dallas Wings was not over in time for this edition. **Go to www.courant.com/sports for the result.** Game two of the best-of-three series will be Sunday at noon at Mohegan Sun Arena on ABC.

MANCHESTER ROAD RACE

Director Balcome plans to retire after this year's race

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

In 1977 Jim Balcome was running his fastest time at the Manchester Road Race — until he was forced to stop about 600 yards from the finish line due to a bottleneck of people going through the chute.

"Running was becoming popular and the people who were controlling the Manchester Road Race were just overwhelmed," said Balcome, then the track and cross country coach at Rockville High.

Runners were not happy. Changes were made. Balcome, who lives in Manchester, was invited to a meeting with race organizers.

"I went and I walked out of the meeting, and I was the race director," Balcome said. "I called my wife up and I said, 'Hey honey, guess what? I'm the Manchester Road Race race director.' 'What is that?' she said. I said, 'I'm going to find out.' "

The 1979 race was his first year. This year will be his last.

Balcome, whose signature phrase "This is Thanksgiving in Manchester" has greeted Turkey Day runners for over 40 years, is retiring after this year's race.

"It's a very emotional decision for me, but it's just time," Balcome said.

Balcome, 79, a retired English teacher and guidance counselor at Rockville High, is only the second race director in the event's 85-year history. He only missed one year — 2018 — following heart surgery.

Thayer Redman, who has served as an assistant race director under Balcome for the past 10 years with the intent of succeeding him, will take over.

In 1979, there were 1,300 runners. Now the race attracts over 10,000 and for a few years,

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Former UConn players Ryan Fuller, left, now co-hitting coach for the Orioles, and Peter Fatse, right, the Red Sox's hitting coach, meet at the cage at Fenway Park on Aug. 11. **DOM AMORE/HARTFORD COURANT**

BASEBALL

HUSKIES GO PRO

UConn alums Fuller and Fatse are now hitting coaches in Baltimore and Boston, respectively

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

BOSTON — Peter Fatse and Ryan Fuller finished up their notable playing careers at UConn, then scratched the itch to try professional baseball before letting the dream go.

Fatse thought he would never coach and started planning to go to law school. Fuller ended up teaching English and coaching baseball at Haddam-Killingworth High.

They taught hitting on the side, sharing a fascination with the mechanics, using the knowledge they gained and philosophies they developed to help youngsters seeking to refine their swings.

Fast-forward to this summer of 2022,

Fatse

Fuller.

and they find themselves at Fenway Park or Camden Yards, in opposite dugouts, major-league hitters performing on their watch. Fuller calls these "pinch-me moments."

"Every day, it's like, *what the heck is going on here*?" Fuller said, before a recent Red Sox-Orioles game. "Oh my gosh. I never thought this was a possibility. How the heck am I sitting in this dugout? It's surreal."

Six of their former UConn teammates have played in the major leagues. Now Fuller and Fatse have made it too.

How did it happen? Baseball is changing. Modern players judge a coach's credibility by what they hear and see, not from numbers on the back of a baseball card.

Fuller and Fatse had the right approaches at the right time and, influenced by the communication skills they learned from past coaches such as Jim Penders and his staff at UConn, knew how to get their philosophies across.

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UCONN FOOTBALL

Defensive coordinator Lou Spanos takes leave of absence

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

UConn defensive coordinator Lou Spanos has taken a leave of absence and will step away from his duties for personal reasons, the team announced Thursday. The length of his absence was not immediately clear.

Spanos has missed recent team practices but was in attendance at the start of practice Wednesday, though he appeared to have left early.

He served as interim head coach for the final 10 games of the 2021 season and coached the Huskies to their only win last year. He was previously the team's defensive coordinator from 2019-21. Spanos was the only coordinator or position coach that new head coach retained.

Spanos, 51, joined the UConn staff after a previous stint as a defensive analyst at Alabama in 2018. He also coached for three NFL teams: Pittsburgh, Washington and Tennessee from 1995-2011. From 2012-13 Spanos was on Mora's UCLA staff as defensive coordinator.

Mora was more hands-on with the defense during Wednesday's practice, saying it was part of preparing for game week.

"I've had an involvement with those guys," Mora said following Wednesday's practice. "We're playing a team [Utah State] that does some things that are different than what we've seen out of our offense all spring and the first couple of weeks of camp and so we have to have some wrinkles. And I just want to make sure that they were on the same page as we move forward."

UConn opens its 2022 season Aug. 27 at Utah State.

SPORTS

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Patriots: Preseason: Panthers, Friday, 7 p.m.
Giants: Preseason: Bengals, Sunday, 7 p.m.
Jets: Preseason: Falcons, Monday, 8 p.m.
Red Sox: at Orioles, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Saturday, 4 p.m.; at Orioles, Sunday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: Blue Jays, Friday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Saturday, 1 p.m.; Blue Jays, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Mets: at Phillies, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Phillies (2), Saturday, 1 & 7 p.m.; at Phillies, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Yard Goats: New Hampshire, Friday, 7 p.m.; New Hampshire, Saturday, 6 p.m.; New Hampshire, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Sun: WNBA First Round vs. Dallas (Game 2), Sunday, noon; WNBA First Round at Dallas (Game 3, if necessary), Wednesday, time TBD
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7 p.m.: Baseball Banana Ball: Party Animals at Savannah Bananas. (Live) ESPN2
7 p.m.: Boston Red Sox at Baltimore Orioles. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080.
7 p.m.: Toronto Blue Jays at New York Yankees. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9.
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2:30 a.m.: Geelong Cats vs West Coast Eagles. (Live) FSP
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7 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf D&D Real Czech Masters, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
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3 p.m.: BMW Championship, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
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4 p.m.: 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) NHL
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6 a.m.: NRL Rugby Brisbane Broncos vs Melbourne Storm. (Live) FSP
2:30 p.m.: Hull FC vs Wakefield Trinity. (Live) FSP
SOCCER
12 p.m.: Women's Soccer AMOS Women's French Cup: FC Barcelona vs Paris Saint Germain. (Live) CBSSN
3 p.m.: Women's Soccer AMOS Women's French Cup: FC Bayern Munich vs Manchester United W.F.C. (Live) CBSSN
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10 p.m.: MLS Soccer Seattle Sounders FC at LA Galaxy. (Live) ESPN
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7 p.m.: ATP/WTA Tennis Cincinnati - Quarterfinals. (Live) TENNIS

YANKEES

Rain-delay rally over Rays may be turning point

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — If Wednesday night turns out to really be a turning point in this season, blame it on the rain. The hour and three minute rain delay in the seventh inning of their dramatic come-from-behind win over the Rays, gave the Yankees hitters a chance to reset and when they came back to finish off the game they looked more like the hitters they were earlier in the year.

The difference? It may have been desperation-motivated, but they were looking to get the ball in play. Aaron Boone said that he overheard lots of talk among hitters in the clubhouse during the delay about approaches and what needs to happen.

"There were some really good conversations going on, actually, between some players that I feel like showed itself out there in some approaches," Boone said. "I won't get too much into it, but I thought there were some really good conversations that I kind of walked in and out of, that were happening amongst players that showed itself when we came back out there. Those conversations amongst each other sometimes just amongst players are very important.

"And it's good to see."

Any offense was good to see at that point after being shutout in two of the previous four games. It was just the Yankees' third win in the last 14 games and just their ninth since the All Star Break. The eight runs they scored in the 10-inning win was double the combined offensive output for the four previous games combined.

The Yankees' Josh Donaldson passes the Rays' Brandon Lowe as he runs the bases after hitting a walk-off grand slam during the 10th inning on Wednesday in New York. **FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP**

After the rain delay, Jose Trevino led off with a single and DJ LeMahieu, pinch hitting for Estevan Florial, lined the first pitch he's seen since Saturday into right field to put the tying run on base. Andrew Benintendi drew a walk and then Pete Fairbanks walked Aaron Judge on four pitches to cut the Rays' lead to 4-3.

Anthony Rizzo led off the eighth with his 28th home run of the season to tie it.

In the bottom of the 10th inning, with Aaron Judge as the ghost runner, Gleyber Torres singled and Anthony Rizzo walked to load the bases. Josh Donaldson, having just seen Jalen Beeks as the Rays opener two days before, hammered a game-winning grand slam.

"I thought coming out of the delay, I just thought, really good two-strike at-bat from Trevino to start, where he gets jammed and kind of goes the other way," Boone said. "DJ coming off the bench after sitting for a few days and smoking one right away just setting us up in a good spot there.

"In the extra innings where it's like, okay, we're down a few 'I gotta move this line'," Boone continued. "Gleyber shoots one the other way, Rizzo works the walk, and then JD having that kind of same mindset, thinking a little bit the other way, and was able to punch one out. So I just thought those are some examples of what I thought was really good at-bats. That's what we're chasing."

RED SOX

Hill has made a career of overcoming adversity

By Peter Abraham
Boston Globe

PITTSBURGH — A truckload of dirt was ready to be dumped on Rich Hill after the Pittsburgh Pirates needed only four pitches to score two runs off him Wednesday night.

Kevin Newman singled on his first pitch. Then Bryan Reynolds drove a high fastball 416 feet into the visitors' bullpen in left-center.

To that point Hill had allowed 10 runs on 15 hits over seven innings since coming off the injured list earlier this month. That's a few more bad pitches away from being on the wrong side of a roster move.

"There were a few things going through my head. It would have made an interesting mic'd up session for NESN," Hill said.

But the 42-year-old Hill has made a career of overcoming adversity and did so again. He reset mentally, slowed his tempo, and retired the next 12 Pirates in order.

Hill ultimately pitched five strong innings as the Red Sox beat the Pirates, 8-3.

The Sox initially planned to get four innings out of Hill with rookie righthander Josh Winckowski following him to the mound.

Red Sox pitcher Rich Hill delivers against the Pirates during the first inning on Wednesday in Pittsburgh. **KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP**

That changed when the decision was made to scratch Nate Eovaldi from his start Thursday because of a sore trapezius muscle. Now Winckowski will start the series finale instead.

Hill going five innings and turning the Pittsburgh lineup over twice made it easier for Alex Cora to manage the bullpen.

"He takes pride in going five or six because he knows what it means," Cora said. "We expect him to pitch well ... it was what we needed."

After the home run, Hill set down 15 of the remaining 16 batters he faced. The exception was a single by Rodolfo Castro leading off the fifth inning. Hill needed only six pitches from there to end the inning.

Greg Allen grounded into a force at second. Bligh Madris struck out swinging at a slider 6 inches off the plate and Jason Delay grounded to third base.

Hill was only at 57 pitches but that was enough. He struck out four without a walk and got seven outs on the ground. Shortstop Xander Bogaerts had a hand in five of those.

"Guys played great defense," Hill said. "Bogey was excellent out there with his Gold Glove defense. It was good."

Once he allowed two runs, the goal became not to give up a third and trust in the idea of getting some run support. The Sox scored three runs in the second inning and Hill didn't let that lead go.

"That's the experience that comes into play," Hill said. "Buckle down and keep the team in the game. That's really the mark of a pro, I think. Not to point the fingers at myself. I'm just saying we played excellent defense and we played obviously on the offensive side incredibly well [with] great at-bats.

METS

Alonso 'excited' for chance to represent US at World Classic

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

ATLANTA — After this Mets' season is over, Pete Alonso will briefly wear a different uniform.

The Mets' first baseman will suit up for Team USA at the 2023 World Baseball Classic in March. The tournament, which has been dormant since 2017, pits the United States against the world's other baseball powerhouses in one of the most unique baseball atmospheres on the planet.

"I'm really excited," Alonso said on Wednesday. "There's a lot of really amazing guys on the team so far. Again, it's a great opportunity. I just feel lucky to be a part of it."

Along with Alonso, several other All-Stars are expected to rock the red, white and blue. While nothing is official yet, and things could still change before the tournament actually begins, Mike Trout, Bryce Harper, Paul Goldschmidt, Nolan Arenado, J.T. Realmuto and Trevor Story are also expected to be on the team. Trout will serve as team captain, though Alonso said it was the larger Team USA governing body that reached out to him about playing, not Trout himself.

"It kind of started to slowly develop right after the All-Star break," Alonso said of the recruiting process. "It was a short period of conversation. Just like, 'Hey, do you want to do it?' The team OK'd it, and now it's news."

Alonso was asked if he will now pivot to recruitment mode. Don't expect Alonso to be chatting with other players at first base about the WBC quite yet.

"They haven't really asked me to do that," he said. "They just told me recently that I'm on the team. So I'm just more excited right now. But maybe if they need help, or they want me to convince guys, I'd be willing to do them a favor."

The last World Baseball Classic was in 2017. What used to be a fairly regular event — the first one was in 2006, with others following in 2009, 2013 and 2017 — was put on hold by the pandemic. A 2021 tournament was all ready to go before COVID-19 showed up, and now the one-of-a-kind event is ready to return.

"It looked like an incredible environment," said Alonso, who was gearing up for a season at High-A the last time a World Baseball Classic happened. "It's an incredibly fun event, I've always wanted to play in it. It's an honor to play for the stars and stripes. I'm really appreciative of it."

The United States is the defending champions, beating Francisco Lindor's Puerto Rican team for the title in 2017. Japan won the first two, and a Robinson Cano-led Dominican Republic side won it all in 2013. With the tournament taking place in March — the Team USA is part of Pool C, whose group stage begins on March 11 — that does mean that the beginning of Alonso's 2023 season will be a little different than usual. On Wednesday, he downplayed the strangeness of reporting to Mets' spring training, leaving for an exhibition tournament, then returning.

"I'm going to be playing spring training games just the same, so it's really no different."

BASEBALL LATE WEDNESDAY

Yankees' Donaldson hits walk-off slam in 10th to beat Rays 8-7

Associated Press

Josh Donaldson hit a walk-off grand slam in the 10th inning as the clock struck midnight, and the struggling New York Yankees salvaged an 8-7 win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday night at Yankee Stadium to avoid a three-game sweep.

Gleyber Torres singled leading off the 10th of Jalen Beeks (2-2) and Anthony Rizzo walked before Donaldson lifted a one-strike, 97 mph fastball to the short porch in right field.

Aroldis Chapman (2-3) gave up three runs in the top of the 10th for New York, which entered having lost three straight and 12 of 15.

But the Yankees finally got some help from their offense, scoring more than three runs in a game for the first time since Aug. 8. New York had totaled one run in its past three games.

Although the Yankees are 9-16 since the All-Star break, their AL East lead moved back to 10 games over Tampa Bay and Toronto. New York has led the division by double digits for all but two days since June 13.

Red Sox 8, Pirates 3: At Pittsburgh, Christian Arroyo had three hits and three RBIs, Alex Verdugo reached base five times and 42-year-old Rich Hill won for the first time in nearly two months. The Red Sox won for the fifth time in six games and got back to .500 at 59-59. Boston in four games behind Toronto in the race for the third and final AL wild-card spot.

Arroyo hit a two-run double and scored on Kike Hernandez's sacrifice fly in the second inning as Boston went ahead for good 3-2. Arroyo also singled in a run in a three-run ninth that broke the gamer open.

Over the last two weeks, Arroyo has emerged as the Red Sox's regular second baseman. The utility infielder has started the last 10 games at the position. Verdugo was 3 for 3 with two walks.

Mets 9, Braves 7: At Atlanta, Brett Baty homered his first time up in the big leagues, Starling Marte went deep twice and New York snapped Atlanta's eight-game winning streak. After being outscored 18-1 in the first two games of the series, the NL East-leading Mets jumped to a 6-1 lead and barely made it stand up to push their advantage over the Braves back to 4½ games.

Vaughn Grissom had a two-run single in the ninth, but Trevor May retired Ronald Acuña Jr. on a flyout to the warming track to end the game.

REGIONAL DIGEST

Central's McLaughlin on Hermann Trophy list

Central Connecticut State University midfielder Roma McLaughlin has been named to the preseason watch list for the Hermann Trophy, perhaps the nation's most prestigious college soccer award.

The trophy goes to the top individual player in Division I women's soccer.

McLaughlin, a senior from Greencastle County Donegal, Ireland, is already a highly decorated player. The 24-year-old has earned 10 caps for Ireland's national team, earning a spot on the squad for World Cup qualifiers, which will continue in September.

At Central last season, McLauglin notched a team-high 21 points (nine goals, three assists) and was named the Northeast Conference Midfielder of the Year. She helped lead CCSU to the NEC championship, scoring a goal and adding an assist in the 3-0 title-game win over Fairleigh Dickinson. Central bowed out to Georgetown in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Sixty players across Division I were named to the watch list. The award, which is voted on by Division I coaches, will be handed out following the season in January.

LATE WEDNESDAY

Datres hits two homers in Yard Goats loss

Kyle Datres hit two of Hartford's four home runs on the night but it wasn't enough as the Yard Goats fell to the New Hampshire Fisher Cats 13-10 in an Eastern League Northeast Division game on Wednesday night at Dunkin' Donuts Park. Hartford has dropped the first two of this series and three in a row overall to fall to 63-46.

Aaron Schunk had three hits, including a home run, and Brenton Doyle also homered. Newly promoted prize prospect Zac Veen had two hits and a run scored. New Hampshire's Ryan Gold had four hits, including two homers and a triple, and six RBI.

— Staff reports

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	73	45	.619	—	—	3-7	W-1	42-17	31-28
Tampa Bay	62	54	.534	10	—	5-5	L-1	35-22	27-32
Toronto	62	54	.534	10	—	3-7	W-1	36-25	26-29
Baltimore	61	57	.517	12	2	5-5	L-2	33-22	28-35
Boston	59	59	.500	14	4	5-5	W-3	29-30	30-29
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Cleveland	63	55	.534	—	—	7-3	W-1	31-24	32-31
Minnesota	61	55	.526	1	1	5-5	W-3	34-25	27-30
Chicago	61	58	.513	2 ½	2 ½	6-4	L-2	30-31	31-27
Kansas City	48	71	.403	15 ½	15 ½	4-6	L-3	29-34	19-37
Detroit	45	75	.375	19	19	2-8	L-1	26-33	19-42
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Houston	77	43	.642	—	—	7-3	W-2	39-18	38-25
Seattle	65	54	.546	11 ½	+1 ½	7-3	W-3	31-26	34-28
Texas	53	65	.449	23	10	5-5	W-1	27-34	26-31
Los Angeles	51	67	.432	25	12	5-5	L-3	26-36	25-31
Oakland	43	76	.361	33 ½	20 ½	2-8	L-1	17-38	26-38

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	76	42	.644	—	—	7-3	W-1	40-19	36-23
Atlanta	72	47	.605	4 ½	+6 ½	8-2	L-1	39-23	33-24
Philadelphia	65	52	.556	10 ½	+ ½	6-4	L-1	32-26	33-26
Miami	52	66	.441	24	13	3-7	L-1	25-33	27-33
Washington	39	80	.328	37 ½	26 ½	3-7	L-2	19-44	20-36
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
St. Louis	66	51	.564	—	—	7-3	W-4	40-21	26-30
Milwaukee	63	54	.538	3	1 ½	5-5	W-1	31-24	32-30
Chicago	50	67	.427	16	14 ½	7-3	W-3	24-34	26-33
Cincinnati	46	70	.397	19 ½	18	3-7	W-1	26-36	20-34
Pittsburgh	45	72	.385	21	19 ½	2-8	L-6	24-31	21-41
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Los Angeles	81	36	.692	—	—	7-3	L-1	40-15	41-21
San Diego	66	54	.550	16 ½	—	5-5	W-1	33-24	33-30
San Francisco	59	59	.500	22 ½	6	6-4	L-2	34-29	25-30
Arizona	55	63	.466	26 ½	10	6-4	W-2	32-29	23-34
Colorado	51	69	.425	31 ½	15	3-7	L-5	33-30	18-39

BOX SCORES

HOUSTON 21, CHI. WHITE SOX 5

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	5	2	2	1	0	.279
d-Dubon 2b	1	0	0	0	0	.211
Gurriel 1b	5	3	3	2	1	.248
Alvarez lf	3	1	1	1	2	.297
a-Meyers cf	2	0	0	0	1	.213
Bregman 3b	6	4	4	6	1	.264
Tucker rf	6	2	4	3	1	.256
Mancini dh	4	1	1	1	0	.264
b-Matijevic dh	2	1	1	0	0	.200
Pena ss	5	2	2	0	1	.251
Vazquez c	6	3	4	2	0	.289
McCormick cf-lf	6	2	3	5	2	.238
TOTALS	**51**	**21**	**25**	**21**	**9**	
White Sox	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Pollock cf	4	0	1	0	0	.240
Grandal 1b	0	0	0	0	0	.201
Vaughn 1b-lf	5	1	1	0	1	.295
Jimenez lf	2	1	1	0	1	.310
Engel cf	1	0	0	0	1	.235
J.Abreu dh	4	0	0	0	2	.306
c-Sosa ph-2b	1	0	0	0	1	.114
Moncada 3b	3	2	1	3	0	.202
Sheets rf	5	0	4	0	1	.240
Harrison 2b-p	4	0	2	0	0	.250
Zavala c	4	1	1	0	2	.286
Gonzalez ss	2	0	0	1	1	.167
TOTALS	**35**	**5**	**11**	**4**	**10**	

Houston	**0**	**1**	**3**	**6**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**4**	**4**
Chi. White Sox	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**

a-pinch hit for Alvarez in the 7th.
b-grounded out for Mancini in the 8th.
c-struck out for J.Abreu in the 8th.
d-grounded out for Altuve in the 9th.
E: Pollock (3). **LOB:** Houston 7, Chicago 12. **2B:** Gurriel (33), Bregman 2(32), Pena (15), Alvarez (16), Sheets (15). **HR:** Mancini (14), off Giolito; Bregman 2 (18), off Velasquez; McCormick (12), off Ruiz; Moncada (7), off Garcia. **RBIs:** Mancini (51), Bregman 6(72), Tucker 3(80), McCormick 5(37), Altuve (43), Gurriel 2(34), Alvarez (77), Vazquez 2(45), Moncada 3(39), Gonzalez (1). **SB:** Bregman (1). **SF:** Gonzalez. **Runners left in scoring position:** Houston 1(Meyers); Chicago 5(Gonzalez 3, J.Abreu, Pollock). **RISP:** Houston 14for 19; Chicago 3for 11. **Runners moved up:** Gurriel, Matijevic, Vaughn. **GIDP:** Dubon, Vaughn. **DP:** Hou 2(Bregman, Altuve, Gurriel; Bregman, Gurriel); Chicago 1(Gonzalez, Sosa, Grandal).

HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Garcia, W, 10-8	5	7	3	3	4	4	4.09
Maton	1	2	1	1	2	0	3.99
Smith	1	1	1	1	2	1	5.40
B.Abreu	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.34
Montero	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.59
WHITE SOX	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Giolito, L, 9-7	3	8	7	7	1	5	5.34
Velasquez	3	6	5	5	0	2	5.68
Ruiz	2	5	5	5	2	1	4.72
Harrison	1	6	4	4	1	1	36.00

Inherited runners-scored: Velasquez 2-2. **WP:** Ruiz. **Umpires:** Home, Ramon De Jesus; First, Chris Conroy; Second, Edwin Moscoso; Third, Carlos Torres. **Time:** 3:53. **A:** 24,407(40,615).

LATE WEDNESDAY: BOSTON 8, PITTSBURGH 3

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Pham lf	5	0	0	0	1	.258
Devers 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.302
Bogaerts ss	5	1	1	0	1	.302
Verdugo rf	3	3	3	1	0	.280
Martinez dh	2	2	0	0	0	.276
Hosmer 1b	5	1	1	0	0	.206
Arroyo 2b	5	1	3	3	0	.280
McGuire c	3	0	1	0	0	.250
a-Refsnyder ph	0	0	0	1	0	.309
Plawecki c	1	0	1	2	0	.169
Hernandez cf	5	0	1	1	3	.206
TOTALS	**38**	**8**	**12**	**8**	**5**	
Pittsburgh	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Newman ss	4	1	1	0	1	.266
Reynolds cf	4	2	2	2	1	.259
Chavis 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.245
Gamel rf	4	0	1	1	1	.241
Padlo 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.138
Castro 2b	4	0	1	0	2	.232
Allen lf	3	0	0	0	1	.169
Madris dh	3	0	0	0	2	.170
Delay c	3	0	0	0	0	.260
TOTALS	**33**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**9**	

Boston	**0**	**3**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**8**	**1**
Pittsburgh	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**6**	**0**

a-walked for McGuire in the 8th.
E: Hosmer (1). **LOB:** Boston 10, Pittsburgh 3. **2B:** Arroyo (9), Verdugo (30), Devers (32), Chavis (12). **HR:** Reynolds (18), off Hill. **RBIs:** Arroyo 3(20), Hernandez (26), Verdugo (56), Refsnyder (13), Plawecki 2(9), Reynolds 2(42), Gamel (34). **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 6(Bogaerts 2, Hosmer, Hernandez, Pham 2); Pittsburgh 2(Castro 2). **RISP:** Boston 6for 18; Pittsburgh 1for 3. **Runners moved up:** Padlo. **GIDP:** Arroyo, Padlo. **DP:** Boston 1(Bogaerts, Arroyo, Hosmer); Pittsburgh 1(Castro, Chavis).

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hill, W, 5-5	5	3	2	2	0	4	4.68
Brasier, H, 9	1	0	0	0	0	3	5.09
Sawamura, H, 3	2	0	0	0	0	1	3.04
Familia	1	3	1	1	0	1	9.00
PITTSBURGH	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Contreras, L, 3-3	6	6	4	4	4	3	4.02
Underwood Jr.	1⅓	1	1	1	0	0	4.34
Stout	⅔	2	0	0	1	1	2.70
Ramirez	1	3	3	3	2	1	9.00

Inherited runners-scored: Stout 1-1.
IBB: off Contreras (Devers).
WP: Contreras(2).
Umpires: Home, Doug Eddings; First, Bill Miller; Second, Ryan Wills; Third, Roberto Ortiz. T: 2:43. **A:** 15,231(38,747).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	R	H	AVG.
Arraez Min	104	394	65	132	.335
Gimenez Cle	106	348	48	108	.310
J.Abreu ChW	116	443	66	137	.309
Gurriel Jr. Tor	105	388	48	119	.307
Benintendi KC	112	408	48	124	.304
Kwan Cle	105	390	61	118	.303
Bogaerts Bos	112	417	64	126	.302
Devers Bos	101	404	66	122	.302
Judge NYY	114	427	98	127	.297
Kirk Tor	103	337	49	100	.297

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 46; Alvarez, Houston, 31; Buxton, Minnesota, 28; Rizzo, New York, 28; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 27; Seager, Texas, 26; Devers, Boston, 25; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 25.
Runs Batted In: Judge, New York, 101; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 98; Tucker, Houston, 77; Alvarez, Houston, 76; A.Garcia, Texas, 74; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 72; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 72.
Pitching: Verlander, Houston, 15-3; F.Valdez, Houston, 12-4; Cease, Chicago, 12-5; Manoah, Toronto, 12-6; Taillon, New York, 11-3.
through Wednesday

CHI. CUBS 3, BALTIMORE 2

Chi Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Madrigal 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.236
Contreras c	4	2	2	2	0	.249
Happ lf	4	0	2	0	0	.280
Reyes dh	4	0	2	0	0	.382
Hoerner ss	4	0	0	0	0	.300
Velazquez rf	4	0	1	0	0	.243
Higgins 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.273
McKinstry 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.167
Morel cf	2	0	0	0	1	.253
b-Ortega cf	1	1	1	1	0	.230
TOTALS	**35**	**3**	**8**	**3**	**2**	
Baltimore	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Mullins cf	4	1	1	0	1	.263
Rutschman c	2	1	0	0	0	.248
Mountcastle 1b	3	0	1	1	1	.248
Santander dh	3	0	0	1	1	.255
Urias 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.245
Vavra rf	2	0	0	0	2	.282
a-McKenna rf	2	0	0	0	2	.264
Hays lf	4	0	1	0	1	.253
Odor 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.207
Mateo ss	4	0	1	0	0	.229
TOTALS	**32**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**8**	

Chi. Cubs	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Baltimore	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**0**

a-struck out for Vavra in the 6th.
b-homered for Morel in the 8th.
E: Velazquez (2), McKinstry (2), Watkins (2). **LOB:** Chicago 5, Baltimore 8. **2B:** Happ (31), Hays (26). **3B:** Mullins (2). **HR:** Contreras (18), off Watkins; Ortega (6), off Krehbiel; Contreras (19), off Krehbiel. **RBIs:** Contreras 2(48), Ortega (27), Mountcastle (58), Santander (62). **SB:** Velazquez (3). **SF:** Santander. **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 2(Hoerner, Morel); Baltimore 3 (McKenna, Rutschman, Mullins). **RISP:** Chicago 0for 3; Baltimore 2for 8. LI**DP:** Mullins. **DP:** Chicago 1(Madrigal, Hoerner, Madrigal).

CHI CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sampson, W, 1-3	5⅔	4	0	0	2	6	3.51
Newcomb, H, 1	1⅓	0	2	1	2	1	7.79
Uelmen, H, 2	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.09
Hughes, S, 1-3	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.03
BALTIMORE	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Watkins, L, 4-3	5⅔	5	1	1	0	2	4.04
Krehbiel	2	3	2	2	0	0	3.09
Baker	1⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.99

Pitches-Strikes: Sampson 86-53; Newcomb 31-15; Uelmen 21-13; Hughes 10-6; Watkins 80-55; Krehbiel 28-15; Baker 17-10.
Inherited runners-scored: Newcomb 2-0, Uelmen 2-2, Krehbiel 1-0, Baker 1-0.
PB: Contreras (6).
Umpires: HP, Clint Vondrak; 1B, Vic Carapazza; 2B, Jerry Meals; 3B, Jansen Visconti. **Time:** 3:03. **A:** 19,454(45,971).

LATE WEDNESDAY: HOUSTON 3, CHI. WHITE SOX 2

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	3	1	0	0	2	.277
Gurriel 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.243
Alvarez lf	2	1	1	1	0	.296
Bregman 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.258
Tucker rf	4	1	1	0	0	.250
Mancini dh	3	0	0	1	0	.264
Pena ss	3	0	0	0	1	.247
McCormick cf	4	0	1	1	0	.232
Maldonado c	3	0	1	0	1	.185
TOTALS	**30**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**6**	
White Sox	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Pollock lf	4	0	0	0	1	.240
Vaughn rf	4	0	1	0	1	.296
Jimenez dh	2	1	1	0	0	.308
1-Robert pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	.301
J.Abreu 1b	3	1	2	0	1	.309
Moncada 3b	4	0	1	1	2	.201
Grandal c	3	0	1	0	0	.201
Harrison 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.246
Engel cf	3	0	1	0	2	.236
a-Sheets ph	1	0	0	0	1	.230
Gonzalez ss	4	0	1	0	1	.250
TOTALS	**32**	**2**	**8**	**1**	**9**	

Houston	**1**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**5**	**1**
Chi. White Sox	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**8**	**0**

a-struck out for Engel in the 9th. 1-ran for Jimenez in the 8th.
E: Valdez (1). **LOB:** Houston 5, Chicago 7. **2B:** Tucker (19), McCormick (10), Gonzalez (1), Moncada (11). **RBIs:** Alvarez (76), Mancini (50), McCormick (32), Moncada (36). **SB:** Altuve 2 (12). **SF:** Alvarez, Mancini. **Runners left in scoring position:** Houston 2(Maldonado 2); Chicago 4(Engel, Vaughn, Grandal, Jimenez). **RISP:** Houston 1for 2; Chicago 1for 8. **Runners moved up:** Harrison. **GIDP:** Harrison, Moncada, Pollock. **DP:** Hou 3 (Pena, Altuve, Gurriel; Bregman, Altuve, Gurriel; Altuve, Pena, Gurriel).

HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Valdez, W, 12-4	7	7	2	2	3	6	2.72
Stanek, H, 12	1	1	0	0	1	1	1.09
Pressly, S, 24-28	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.78
WHITE SOX	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Kopech, L, 4-9	6	5	3	3	2	2	3.25
Kelly	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.61
Diekman	1	0	0	0	1	1	4.06
Lopez	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.72

Pitches-Strikes: Valdez 100-64; Stanek 21-12; Pressly 14-9; Kopech 90-55; Kelly 19-13; Diekman 14-6; López 10-6.
Batters Faced: Valdez 28; Stanek 5; Pressly 3; Kopech 25; Kelly 3; Diekman 4; López 3.
Umpires: Home, Carlos Torres; First, Ramon De Jesus; Second, Chris Conroy; Third, Edwin Moscoso.
Time: 3:06. **A:** 24,671(40,615).

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	R	H	AVG.
Goldschmidt StL	111	415	82	139	.335
Freeman LAD	116	451	81	145	.322
McNeil NYM	104	367	51	116	.316
J.Iglesias Col	101	373	44	117	.314
M.Machado SD	109	419	76	128	.305
T.Turner LAD	116	473	71	144	.304
Hoerner ChC	101	359	37	109	.304
Arenado StL	109	413	59	121	.293
Lux LAD	106	338	60	99	.293
Swanson Atl	119	462	75	135	.292

Home Runs: Schwarber, Phi., 34; Riley, Atlanta, 30; C.Walker, Arizona, 29; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 29; Alonso, New York, 29; Betts, Los Ang., 27; Hoskins, Phi., 26; Arenado, St. Louis, 25; Olson, Atlanta, 25; Tellez, Milwaukee, 24.
Runs Batted In: Alonso, New York, 99; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 94; Lindor, New York, 83; T.Turner, Los Ang., 83; Cron, Colorado, 80; Olson, Atlanta, 79; Arenado, St. Louis, 75; Riley, Atlanta, 74.
Pitching: Gonsolin, Los Angeles, 15-1; Wright, Atlanta, 14-5; T.Anderson, Los Angeles, 13-2; Carrasco, New York, 13-5; J.Urias, Los Angeles, 13-6; Alcantara, Miami, 11-5; Webb, San Francisco, 11-5; Rodon, San Francisco, 11-6; Wheeler, Philadelphia, 11-6.
through Wednesday

LATE WEDNESDAY: L.A. DODGERS 2, MILWAUKEE 1

LA Dodgers	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Betts rf	2	0	0	0	0	.271
T.Turner ss	3	0	0	0	1	.304
Freeman 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.319
J.Turner dh	4	0	0	0	1	.254
C.Taylor lf	4	0	1	0	1	.234
Muncy 3b	4	1	1	1	0	.187
Alberto 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.246
Thompson cf	3	0	0	0	3	.256
Barnes c	3	1	2	1	1	.183
TOTALS	**30**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**7**	
Milwaukee	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Yelich lf	4	0	1	1	1	.250
Adames ss	3	0	0	0	0	.221
Tellez 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.238
Renfroe rf	4	0	0	0	1	.239
Hiura dh	4	0	2	0	1	.246
Wong 2b	2	0	0	0	1	.246
a-Brosseau 3b	1	0	0	0	1	.268
L.Urias 3b-2b	4	0	0	0	1	.225
T.Taylor cf	2	1	0	0	2	.224
Caratini c	0	0	0	0	0	.223
Feliciano c	2	0	1	0	1	.250
1-Davis pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	.229
TOTALS	**30**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**10**	

L.A. Dodgers	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Milwaukee	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**

a-struck out for Wong in the 8th.
1-ran for Feliciano in the 8th.
LOB: Los Angeles 4, Milwaukee 6. **2B:** C.Taylor (21). **HR:** Barnes (5), off Lauer; Muncy (15), off Lauer. **RBIs:** Barnes (16), Muncy (45), Yelich (37). **SB:** Betts (10), Hiura (5). **CS:** Alberto (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 2(C.Taylor, Muncy); Milwaukee 2(Adames, L.Urias). **RISP:** Los Angeles 0 for 4; Milwaukee 1for 3. **GIDP:** Betts, J.Turner, Tellez. **DP:** Los Angeles 1(Alberto, T.Turner, Freeman); Milwaukee 3(Wong, Adames, Tellez; Feliciano, Wong, Feliciano; Adames, Wong, Tellez).

LA DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gonsolin, W, 15-1	7	2	0	0	1	8	2.12
Ferguson, H, 7	1	1	1	1	2	2	0.46
Kimbrel, S, 21-25	1	1	0	0	1	0	4.46
MILWAUKEE	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Lauer, L, 8-5	7	4	2	2	3	7	3.58
Strzelecki	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.70
Suter	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.91

Pitches-Strikes: Gonsolin 95-67; Ferguson 23-14; Kimbrel 21-14; Lauer 105-67; Strzelecki 8-7; Suter 22-14.
Batters Faced: Gonsolin 23; Ferguson 6; Kimbrel 5; Lauer 26; Strzelecki 3; Suter 4.**WP:** Lauer.
Umpires: HP, Sean Barber; 1B, Jeremy Riggs; 2B, Chad Fairchild; 3B, David Rackley. T: 2:49. **A:** 30,259(41,900).

LATE WEDNESDAY: N.Y. METS 9, ATLANTA 7

NY Mets	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	5	1	1	0	1	.267
Marte rf	5	2	3	2	0	.291
Lindor ss	5	2	2	1	0	.271
Alonso 1b	5	1	1	2	1	.276
Vogelbach dh	4	0	1	1	1	.237
McNeil 2b	5	1	3	0	0	.316
Canha lf	3	1	2	1	1	.268
a-Naquin ph-lf	1	0	0	0	1	.251
Baty 3b	4	1	1	2	0	.250
McCann c	4	0	0	0	1	.176
TOTALS	**41**	**9**	**14**	**9**	**6**	
Atlanta	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Acuna Jr. rf	4	0	0	0	0	.275
Swanson ss	3	0	0	1	2	.292
Riley 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.288
Olson 1b	4	0	0	0	4	.249
Rosario dh	3	1	0	0	3	.182
Contreras c	4	2	3	0	1	.266
Harris II cf	3	1	1	0	0	.288
Grissom 2b	4	2	2	3	0	.414
Grossman lf	3	1	1	3	1	.280
TOTALS	**31**	**7**	**7**	**7**	**12**	

N.Y. Mets	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**9**	**14**	**0**
Atlanta	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**7**	**1**

a-struck out for Canha in the 9th.
E: Grossman (1). **LOB:** New York 7, Atlanta 3. **2B:** Canha 2(14), McNeil (30), Vogelbach (15). **HR:** Marte (13), off Odorizzi; Lindor (21), off Odorizzi; Baty (1), off Odorizzi; Marte (14), off Yates; Grossman (2), off Ottavino. **RBIs:** Marte 2(53), Lindor (83), Baty 2 (2), Canha (40), Alonso 2(99), Vogelbach (46), Swanson (65), Grissom 3(7), Grossman 3(5). SB: Grissom (2), Lindor (12), Alonso (3), Harris II (14). **CS:** Acuna Jr. (9). **SF:** Swanson. **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 3(Baty, McCann, Naquin); Atlanta 1(Riley). **RISP:** New York 3for 10; Atlanta 2for 5. **Runners moved up:** Baty, McNeil, Acuna Jr.. **GIDP:** Harris II. **DP:** New York 1(Lindor, Alonso).

NY METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Scherzer, W, 9-2	6⅓	3	4	4	3	8	2.15
Ottavino, H, 16	⅔	1	1	1	1	0	2.35
Diaz, H, 2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.30
May	1	3	2	2	0	2	7.43
ATLANTA	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Odorizzi, L, 0-2	5	8	5	5	2	2	5.93
Matzek	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.45
Yates	1	1	1	1	0	1	9.00
Lee	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.31
Stephens	⅓	3	3	3	0	0	3.29
Tarnok	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Ottavino 3-3, Matzek 1-0, Tarnok 1-1. **HBP:** Scherzer (Riley). PB: Contreras (2). **Umpires:** HP, Will Little; 1B, Shane Livensparger; 2B, Todd Tichenor; 3B, Mike Estabrook.
Time: 3:22. **A:** 34,308(41,084).

ON THIS DATE

AUG. 19

1909: The Phillies were rained out for the 10th consecutive day, a major league record.
1913: The Cubs tagged Grover Alexander for nine straight hits and six runs for a 10-4 triumph over the Phillies.
1921: Detroit's Ty Cobb got his 3,000th career hit at age 34, the youngest player to reach that plateau. The milestone hit was a single off Elmer Myers of the Boston Red Sox.
1934: Moose Solters of the Boston Red Sox hit for the cycle in an 8-6 loss to the Detroit Tigers at Fenway Park.
1951: Eddie Gaedel, a 65-pound midget who was 3-foot-7, made his first and only plate appearance as a pinch-hitter for Frank Saucier of the St. Louis Browns. Gaedel wearing No. 1/8 was walked on four pitches by Detroit Tigers pitcher Bob Cain and then was taken out for pinch-runner Jim Delsing. The gimmick by Browns owner Bill Veeck was completely legal, but later outlawed.
1957: N.Y. Giants owner Horace Stoneham announced that the team's board of directors had voted 8-1 in favor of moving to San Francisco. The Giants would start the 1958 season in Seals Stadium.

LATE WEDNESDAY: SAN DIEGO 10, MIAMI 3

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Profar lf	4	0	0	0	0	.246
Soto rf	3	2	1	0	0	.255
b-Mazara ph-rf	1	0	0	0	1	.266
Machado dh	4	1	2	0	1	.305
Drury 3b	5	1	1	1	1	.267
Bell

JETS

Coach: Team will 'do right' by Wilson in his return to action

By Antwan Staley
New York Daily News

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — On Tuesday afternoon, the Jets received good news as quarterback Zach Wilson's knee surgery was considered a success.

Now New York plays the waiting game.

The timeline for Wilson's return from the meniscus tear he suffered in last Friday's preseason opener against the Philadelphia Eagles has been listed as anywhere from two to four weeks. What complicates Wilson's recovery is he is also dealing with a bone bruise. Jets coach Robert Saleh didn't show his hand when asked if Wilson or backup Joe Flacco would start against the Baltimore Ravens at MetLife Stadium on Sept. 11.

"If Zach is ready to go, he's going be the Week 1 starter," Saleh said Thursday of his second-year QB. "If he's not, then Joe will. We are going to take it by how Zach looks, how he feels, how he moves and what the doctors tell us.

"Whenever that moment is, that's when he will step on the field."

Wilson flew back from Los Angeles where he had the surgery Tuesday. He was at the Jets facility on Thursday and was already walking around the facility as the team said he was in good spirits.

While Wilson is recovering, Flacco has taken over the first-team snaps in practice. Flacco, 37, who did not play against the Eagles during the first preseason game, is expected to start in the final two warmup games against the Atlanta Falcons and Giants.

Whoever starts against the Ravens to kick off the '22 campaign, Saleh said the Jets are confident in both of their abilities under center.

"It is really going to be dictated on how he feels and when he's ready to go," Saleh said about Wilson. "We are going to make sure we do right by him in terms of making sure he's 100% healthy. Whenever that is, that's when he will hit the field."

Balcome

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Manchester Road Race Director Jim Balcome, left, chats with Olympian Donn Cabral, of Glastonbury, at the 2019 road race news conference. Balcome announced his retirement Thursday after 43 years, effective following this year's race on Thanksgiving Day.
STEPHEN DUNN/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

14,000-15,000 runners and walkers were converging on Main Street on Thanksgiving Day.

The race attracts thousands of spectators and is the oldest road race in the state.

Tris Carta, the president of the road race, said Balcome will be missed.

"There are several different traits that make Jim who he is: a fierce competitor, but he's an easy-going guy," Carta said. "He's a proud person but the first to dole out compliments to anybody for doing a good job. He's a dreamer and a micromanager, a salesman and a counselor, a friend and respected leader.

"No one person is going to be able to replace Jim Balcome for the Manchester Road Race and Jim Balcome will never leave the road race; it's engrained in his soul. Even if he's not here in person, he will always be here."

Balcome was moved the first year he was race director to utter his signature line: "This is Thanksgiving in Manchester." When the road race went virtual in 2020 due to COVID-19, race organizers had an app designed to track runners for their virtual races and when they turned on the timer on the app and started to run, Balcome's voice intoned: "This is Thanksgiving in Manchester."

A few years ago, Balcome recalled: "I was elevated above the race [in 1979], we fired the gun — and the sights and sounds, the cacophony — I said, 'Wow, this is Thanksgiving in Manchester.' It wasn't planned. It was spontaneous. People were screaming and hollering, I felt the pulse and vibration of the town of Manchester."

"Jim will forever be the 'voice of the Manchester Road Race,' Manchester mayor Jay Moran said in a statement.

Balcome also has a home in Florida and his wife would like to visit it in the fall, he said.

"She keeps mentioning that Florida in October and November is lovely," he said. "I get it."

The race will take place Nov. 24 starting at 10 a.m. on Main Street. Registration for the race starts Sept. 1 online at www.manchesterroadrace.com.

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Coaches

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"Our playing careers didn't pan out the way we anticipated," Fatse said. "Ryan has a teaching background and my nature is teaching. I have that mindset.

"We gravitated to that early and we took the road less traveled. We coached because we loved it, and that turned into an occupation."

Fuller, 32, who played at Old Lyme High and UConn-Avery Point, was with the Huskies when they reached the NCAA Super Regional in 2011, getting some of the biggest postseason hits in the regional at Clemson for a team that had included first-round draft picks George Springer and Matt Barnes. In 2012 he signed as an undrafted free agent with the Diamondbacks and played in 32 games in the Rookie League before he was cut.

Fuller met Fatse, 35, from Hampden, Mass., who graduated from UConn in 2008 and was drafted in the 24th round by Milwaukee and played four years of minor-league and independent pro ball, through teammates Nick Ahmed and John Andreoli, both future major-leaguers. By then Fatse was making a name for himself at the hitting school in Massachusetts, Advanced Performance Academy, he had established in 2010.

"I would go up to AP and just be a fly on the wall, see if I could learn anything," Fuller said. "And he was, at the time, way ahead of the curve. He was tinkering with things, trying things out. It was exciting to see.

"You see him work with guys and they always get better and better, so he's a great role model."

As hitting has become a form of advanced math, analytics, biomechanics, and a study of angles and forces, more and more teams have been looking for instructors who could give old hitters new information.

Fatse joined the Twins as minor-league hitting coordinator, then moved to Boston as assistant hitting coach in 2019 and became the Red Sox hitting coach after last season. Boston got off to a slow offensive start but is now seventh in the majors with a .253 team batting average.

Fuller coached for a time at Quinnipiac, then got into teaching high school English. He offered hitting lessons in Groton and at the suggestion of his wife, Georgia, who does wardrobe design online, he posted some of his videos on Twitter and Instagram. They eventually reached the eyes of Matt Blood, the O's director of player development.

"He got in touch and offered me the job to be the low Class A hitting coach," Fuller said. "I told my wife I had an opportunity to be a minor-league hitting coach. I didn't know what it would entail, but it was a pretty good opportunity I couldn't pass up."

Fuller joined the Baltimore organization in 2020, and with no minor-league games during the pandemic he worked with major-league hitters at the alternate training site and impressed the organization. Fuller and Matt Borgschulte were named co-hitting coaches for 2022.

"Ryan has done an amazing job in his first year as a major-league hitting coach," Orioles manager Brandon Hyde said. "It's an extremely challenging job, and [with] the ability to form great relationships with our players and work well with others, he's been phenomenal.

"He's got a great temperament, he's patient. You can see when he does presentations in front of the room, there is an easiness to it and he's super prepared."

Teaching is the key ingredient. Whatever the old-schooler may think of exit velocity or launch angle, they are part of the game's language, replacing old coaching bromides like "you're pressing" or "you're thinking too much."

"If you have good information and you can communicate it, [your background] is not even an issue," Fatse said. "I don't even think half the guys here know what my playing career was or wasn't because it doesn't matter to them as long as they feel we're presenting quality information, our program is good and they're getting what they need."

What hasn't changed is the long hours major-league hitting coaches put in, often arriving hours before others to work with individual players or study film. Fatse spends much of his pregame day in the cages under the stands at Fenway.

"At the amateur level guys are a little more green," Fatse said. "They have their athleticism, they're still growing stronger [and] you have an opportunity to influence them right away.

"Here, you have to really understand the player before you start making suggestions. You have to dig and go underneath the hood. These guys have been doing things you really have to take into account in everything you say and do [because] they have personalized their swing for 25 years in some instances."

When he first joined the Red Sox's staff, Fatse traveled to Florida to see veteran J.D. Martinez at work.

"And literally within 30 seconds, he said, 'Whatcha got?' " Fatse said. "I asked him a couple of questions, and he said, 'OK, so tell me what to do.'

"At that moment I realized these guys are so talented, so in tune and hungry for information, they're willing to try things. This guy is one of the most talented hitters the last 10 years, and he was ready to take information from the moment I met him."

Fuller has had similar experiences, though he is working with less-seasoned major leaguers.

"My biggest strength as a coach is being a teacher," he said. "Helping these guys learn what makes them successful, find confidence in the work they're doing every day and not be afraid to ask questions.

"I got used to being in front of an English-9 classroom, not worrying about what people are going to say and think about you, just being comfortable in front of a group of people and transmitting a message. At the major-league level these guys are such gifted learners and they make adjustments so quickly."

The Orioles, like many teams, want their instruction to be uniform from the major leagues down to the lowest rung of the minors. Fuller sends videos and reports to minor-league coaches and gets reports back.

Fans might have snickered at anything called "The Orioles Way" a few months ago, but not with Baltimore inching up the American League East and in the thick of the wild-card race in mid-August.

"It's been incredible," Fuller said. "We've felt this has been cooking in the minor leagues the last three years. You can see the tide beginning to turn. ...

"No one has ever asked me what level I played at or if I was a major-leaguer. They just want to know, 'Can you help me? Can you give me information that's going to prepare me for the starter that night?' I think we've done a really good job of letting these guys know we'll do anything we can to help them improve."

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Patriots

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"We had some good work against the Panthers," said Jones, who took snaps against a mix of Carolina starters and backups. "They were a top-five defense last year and are continuing to grow.

"It was really good to get our offense against a really good defense, let the young players see some really good players and schemes."

Though Carolina coach Matt Rhule said he'll play mostly his "2's and 3's" against the Patriots, getting Jones on the field to get his feet wet and whet his appetite for next week's practices with the Raiders in Las Vegas seems to make sense.

All eyes will be on the sideline play-calling operation, which had both Matt Patricia and Joe Judge calling the shots against the Giants. Who sends in the calls if Jones is leading the huddle?

Here are some other things to keep your eyes on.

Temperature check: There were a number of headline-grabbing fracases in the two joint practice sessions that led to ejections on both sides. Will that spill over to the game?

The best guess is no, as Bill Belichick and Rhule have likely laid down the law when it comes to extracurricular activities.

The game is an opportunity for the second- and third-stringers to earn jobs, whether it's with their current clubs or others. It's hard to make an impression if you've been ejected.

Zoning in: New England's new zone blocking scheme looked better this week, with the running backs identifying inside lanes more quickly. They've also been able to bounce outside and get around the edge when those lanes are clogged.

Isaiah Wynn's absence is a concern (he's day to day), but the Patriots have lots of talent on the offensive line, and fears that this unit wouldn't jell and adjust to a new look seem a little misguided this early.

Giants

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Barkley had a message for anyone who shares those opinions Thursday.

"This is probably the last time I'm gonna speak on this," he said. "I know people are gonna say dancing and this, that and the third, and 'he don't get north and south.' I'm not just gonna run into my lineman's back. That's not how I play the game. It's not how I've been playing since I was 8 years old. I've been playing this position for a very long time."

Barkley did admit that Daboll and the new coaching staff "have been making a point of a running style and mentality that we have as a team." But he said Daboll is "talking about the physicality of me trusting myself, me getting downhill."

Later, he specified for the Daily News that Daboll and offensive coordinator Mike Kafka have articulated expectations for him. They want him to take the handoff, hit the ball downhill, trust the play call to get Barkley to space, and then "Go be Saquon."

But he said when Daboll praises him for getting downhill, the coach is saying he's pleased with Barkley showing trust in his body. That's compared to the past, when Barkley admits he might have hesitated or instinctively tried to protect a knee or ankle on his runs.

"When people try to make it north and south — not coach in particular — but people are trying to use that as an example of I'm back there like I'm dancing," he said. "Dancing is stuff you do in high school football and little league football where you run this way and you run that way. That's not my thought process.

"If I'm making a run back in the day and someone breaks free and someone's in my face, I'm not just gonna run right at him and try to get back to the line of scrimmage," he added. "That's part of my craft. That's part of my game. But like I said with coach, that's kind of the emphasis, meaning like alright we want to get more physical, we want to get more downhill, but not saying, 'Oh, you're not hitting north and south.' Know what I'm saying?"

Barkley, interestingly enough, didn't do much during full-team 11-on-11 for a second straight practice on Thursday. And that's straddling a Wednesday off-day. It's possible he sits Sunday's second preseason game against the Cincinnati Bengals, though that's not yet clear.

He said he's healthy but the team is "watching the workload" of its players. Not to mention he had something else on his mind Thursday: his doubters.

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

LOCAL AMATEUR BASEBALL

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE
TUESDAY'S LATE RESULT
CTL Playoffs—At Muzzy Field, Bristol
Championship—Best of-3
Game 1
Black Sox 8, Rockies 1
WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULT
CTL Playoffs—At Muzzy Field, Bristol
Championship—Best of-3
Game 2
Black Sox 5, Rockies 3

EASTERN LEAGUE STANDINGS

Northeast	W	L	PCT	GB
Somerset	68	41	.624	—
Hartford	63	46	.578	5
Portland	54	56	.491	14.5
Reading	50	60	.455	18.5
New Hampshire	49	61	.445	19.5
Binghamton	41	68	.376	27
Southwest	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
Erie	66	43	.606	—
Akron	62	47	.569	4
Altoona	54	56	.491	12.5
Richmond	53	56	.486	13
Bowie	53	57	.482	13.5
Harrisburg	44	66	.400	22.5

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS
New Hampshire 13, Hartford 10
Harrisburg 7-2, Altoona 4-3(11-10)
Akron 10, Erie 4
Richmond 9, Binghamton 0
Somerset 10, Bowie 9
Reading 3, Portland 2
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
New Hampshire at Hartford, late
Harrisburg at Altoona, late
Binghamton at Richmond, late
Somerset at Bowie, late
Portland at Reading, late
Akron at Erie (2), late
FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Harrisburg at Altoona, 6p.m.
Akron at Erie, 6p.m.
Binghamton at Richmond, 6:30p.m.
New Hampshire at Hartford, 7p.m.
Portland at Reading, 7p.m.
Somerset at Bowie, 7p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S LATE YARD GOATS BOX SCORE
FISHER CATS 13, YARD GOATS 10

New Hampshire	AB	R	H	BI
Eden, cf	6	0	0	0
Schneider, 2b	6	1	2	1
Barger, 3b	5	2	3	1
Martinez, ss	2	2	0	0
Keenan, dh	4	2	1	0
Schwecke, 1b	2	3	1	1
Gold, c	5	2	4	6
Robertson, lf	4	1	1	1
Espino, rf	5	0	2	2
Totals	**39**	**13**	**14**	**12**
Hartford	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**
Datres, lf	4	2	2	3
Veen, rf	5	1	2	0
Montano, dh	2	1	0	1
Schunk, 3b	5	2	3	2
Lavigne, 1b	3	1	0	0
Doyle, cf	5	1	2	2
MacIver, c	4	0	1	0
Collins, 2b	5	0	1	1
Navarro, ss	4	2	2	0
Totals	**37**	**10**	**13**	**9**

New Hampshire 110-240-**140**—13-14-0
Hartford 011-060-**011**—10-13-1
E: Veen. **DP:** New Hampshire 2. **LOB:** New Hampshire 7, Hartford 8. **HR:** Gold 2, Schneider, Barger; Datres 2, Schunk, Doyle. **3B:** Gold, Espino. **2B:** Barger, Schwecke; Collins, Schunk. **SF:** Schwecke; Montano. **SB:** Schneider, Barger; Veen.

New Hampshire	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Melean	4	3	2	2	3	3	5.02
Lail	0	4	6	6	2	0	8.83
Moore (W, 1-1)	4.1	6	2	2	2	5	4.76
Caracci (S, 6)	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	3.97
Hartford	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Davis	4	5	4	4	4	7	6.10
Gaddis	0.2	3	4	4	2	0	5.52
DelBonta-Smith (L, 4-1)	2.1	3	1	1	0	5	4.03
Darnell	1	3	4	4	1	2	5.40
Biddy	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.55

WP: Lail, Moore; Del Bonta-Smith, Darnell. **Umpires:** Johnson, Valero, Snover. **Time:** 3:34. Att.: 5,542.

USL STANDINGS

Eastern	W	L	T	Pts
Louisville	16	3	4	52
Memphis	16	5	3	51
Tampa Bay	14	4	6	48
Birmingham	13	7	5	44
Pittsburgh	13	7	4	43
Detroit	10	5	9	39
Miami	10	8	7	37
Tulsa	8	12	4	28
Indy	6	13	4	22
Hartford	5	14	5	20
Loudoun	5	15	3	18
Atlanta	4	18	4	16
Charleston	4	16	4	16
New York	3	18	3	12
Western	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts**
San Antonio	18	4	2	56
San Diego	15	6	4	49
Colorado Springs	13	9	3	42
Sacramento	11	6	7	40
New Mexico	10	6	9	39
El Paso	9	10	7	34
Las Vegas	9	9	7	34
Los Angeles	9	11	5	32
Oakland	6	7	12	30
Phoenix	8	11	5	29
Monterey Bay	9	12	2	29
Orange County	6	10	9	27
Rio Grande	7	11	5	26

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS
Detroit 2, Birmingham 1
Memphis 2, New Mexico 0
Las Vegas 1, Orange 1
Sacramento 3, Colorado Springs 0
SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Miami at Hartford, 7p.m.
New York at Pittsburgh, 7p.m.
Louisville at Detroit, 7:30p.m.
Atlanta at Loudoun, 7:30p.m.
Indy at Tulsa, 8:30p.m.
Birmingham at Memphis, 8:30p.m.
Tampa Bay at Colorado Springs, 9p.m.
Monterey Bay at New Mexico, 9p.m.
Rio Grande at San Antonio, 9p.m.
San Diego at El Paso, 9:30p.m.
Charleston at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.
Sacramento at Las Vegas, 10:30p.m.

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	13	4	9	48	45	20
CF Montréal	13	8	4	43	43	41
New York City FC	12	7	6	42	46	30
N.Y. Red Bulls	11	8	7	40	40	32
Columbus	8	6	10	34	32	27
New England	8	7	10	34	38	36
Orlando City	9	10	6	33	28	36
Inter Miami CF	9	10	6	33	32	41
Cincinnati	8	8	9	33	42	45
Charlotte FC	10	14	2	32	33	40
Toronto FC	8	12	6	30	39	45
Chicago	8	11	6	30	28	34
Atlanta	7	10	8	29	34	38
D.C. United	6	15	4	22	28	49
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Los Angeles FC	18	4	3	57	54	24
Austin FC	14	5	6	48	54	34
FC Dallas	11	7	9	42	39	28
Minnesota United	11	9	5	38	40	35
Real Salt Lake	10	8	7	37	33	34
LA Galaxy	10	11	3	33	37	34
Vancouver	9	11	6	33	31	45
Nashville	8	9	9	33	34	36
Portland	7	7	12	33	42	40
Seattle	10	13	2	32	32	31
Colorado	8	10	7	31	36	39
Houston	7	14	4	25	31	42
San Jose	5	11	9	24	40	53
Sporting KC	6	15	5	23	26	48

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S MATCH
Seattle at LA Galaxy, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Cincinnati at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6p.m.
Philadelphia at D.C. United, 7:30p.m.
New England at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.
Toronto FC at Miami, 8p.m.
Austin FC at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Houston at Colorado, 9p.m.
Vancouver at Real Salt Lake, 10p.m.
Los Angeles FC at San Jose, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Atlanta at Columbus, 5:30p.m.
New York City FC at Chicago, 6p.m.
Orlando City at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.
Portland at Sporting KC, 7:30p.m.
FC Dallas at Nashville, 8:30p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 26
Los Angeles FC at Austin FC, 8p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 10p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27
Houston at Minnesota, 3:30p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Red Bulls, 7p.m.
Toronto FC at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.
Columbus at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.
Colorado at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
CF Montréal at Chicago, 8p.m.
San Jose at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m.
Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 28
D.C. United at Atlanta, 4p.m.
New York City FC at Orlando City, 7:30 p.m.
LA Galaxy at New England, 8p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Red Bulls 2, Atlanta 1
New England 2, Toronto FC 2
Charlotte FC 3, New York City FC 1
FC Dallas 1, Philadelphia 0
Vancouver 2, Colorado 1

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Portland	7	1	7	28	36	15
Houston	8	4	4	28	28	18
Kansas City	7	4	4	25	20	20
San Diego	7	5	4	25	21	14
OL Reign	6	4	6	24	20	15
Chicago	6	4	5	23	22	18
Angel City	6	5	3	21	15	16
Orlando	4	5	6	18	17	30
Louisville	2	6	8	14	16	22
Gotham FC	4	10	0	12	11	30
Washington	1	6	9	12	16	21
North Carolina	2	6	4	10	23	26

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S MATCH
Angel City at Kansas City, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Orlando at Gotham FC, 7p.m.
Chicago at North Carolina, 7p.m.
Houston at San Diego, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Portland at North Carolina, 7p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 26
OL Reign at Orlando, 7p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 27
Chicago at Louisville, 7:30p.m.
Washington at Houston, 8:30p.m.
San Diego at Portland, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 28
Angel City at Gotham FC, 5p.m.
North Carolina at Kansas City, 7p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULT
Houston 2, Gotham FC 1

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Man City	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
Arsenal	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Brentford	2	1	1	0	6	2	4
Tottenham	2	1	1	0	6	3	4
Newcastle	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Leeds	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Chelsea	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Brighton	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Aston Villa	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Notting. Forest	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
Bournemouth	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Liverpool	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Fulham	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Wolverhampton	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Leicester	2	0	1	1	4	6	1
Crystal Palace	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Southampton	2	0	1	1	3	6	1
Everton	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
West Ham	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Man United	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Tottenham vs. Wolverhampton, 7:30 a.m.
Crystal Palace vs. Aston Villa, 10a.m.
Everton vs. Notting. Forest, 10a.m.
Fulham vs. Brentford, 10a.m.
Leicester vs. Southampton, 10a.m.
Bournemouth vs. Arsenal, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Leeds vs. Chelsea, 9a.m.
West Ham vs. Brighton, 9a.m.
Newcastle vs. Man City, 11:30a.m.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

WORLD SERIES
Williamsport, Pa., double elimination
U.S.: GREAT LAKES REGION, Hagerstown, Ind.; METRO REGION, Massapequa, N.Y.; MID-ATLANTIC REGION, Hollidaysburg, Pa.; MIDWEST REGION, Davenport, Iowa; MOUNTAIN REGION, Santa Clara, Utah; NEW ENGLAND REGION, Middleboro, Mass.; NORTHWEST REGION, Bonney Lake, Wash.; SOUTHEAST REGION, Nolensville, Tenn.; SOUTHWEST REGION, Pearland, Texas; WEST REGION, Honolulu, Hawaii
INTERNATIONAL: ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, Taipei City, Chinese Taipei; AUSTRALIA REGION, Brisbane, Australia; CANADA REGION, Vancouver, British Columbia; CARIBBEAN REGION, Willemstad, Curacao; EUROPE-AFRICA REGION, Bologna, Italy; JAPAN REGION, Takarazuka, Japan; LATIN AMERICA REGION, Managua, Nicaragua; MEXICO REGION, Matamoros, Mexico; PANAMA REGION, Aguadulce, Panama; PUERTO RICO REGION, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
G5: Taipei City 2, Bologna 0
G6: Hagerstown 8, Davenport 7
G7: Guaynabo vs. Matamoros, late
G8: Pearland vs. Hollidaysburg, late

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
G1: Willemstad 2, Managua 0
G2: Nolensville 5, Middleboro 3
G3: Vancouver 7, Brisbane 0
G4: Honolulu 11, Bonney Lake 1

FRIDAY'S GAMES
G9: Willemstad vs. Aguadulce, 1 p.m.
G10: Nolensville vs. Santa Clara, 3 p.m.
G11: Vancouver vs. Takarazuka, 5 p.m.
G12: Honolulu vs. Massapequa, 7 p.m.

NFL PRESEASON

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	26	24
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	24	21
New England	0	1	0	.000	21	23
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	17	13
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	24	27
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	10	23
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	24	51
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	23	10
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	24	13
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	32	25
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	23	36
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Las Vegas	2	0	0	1.000	53	31
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	17	7
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	14	19
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	22	29

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	23	21
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	7	17
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	21	24
Washington	0	1	0	.000	21	23
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	27	23
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	23	21
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	13	17
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	24	26
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	19	14
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	23	27
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	20	26
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	21	28
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	36	23
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	29	22
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	28	21
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	25	32

WEEK 2
THURSDAY'S RESULT
Chicago at Seattle, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Carolina at New England, 7p.m.
New Orleans at Green Bay, 8p.m.
Houston at L.A. Rams, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Detroit at Indianapolis, 1p.m.
Denver at Buffalo, 1p.m.
Washington at Kansas City, 4p.m.
Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 7p.m.
San Francisco at Minnesota, 7p.m.
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 7p.m.
Las Vegas at Miami, 7p.m.
Dallas at San Diego, 10p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 21
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 1p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants, 7p.m.
Baltimore at Arizona, 8p.m.

MONDAY, AUG. 22
Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 8p.m.

WNBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-3; x-if necessary)

#1 Las Vegas 1, #8 Phoenix 0
Aug. 17: at Las Vegas 79-63
Saturday: at Las Vegas, 9 p.m.
x-Tuesday: at Phoenix, TBD

#7 New York 1, #2 Chicago 0
Aug. 17: New York 98-91.
Saturday: at Chicago, Noon
x-Tuesday: at New York, TBD

#3 Connecticut vs. #6 Dallas
Thursday: at Connecticut, late
Sunday: at Connecticut, Noon
x-Aug. 24: at Dallas, TBD

#4 Seattle vs. #5 Washington
Thursday: at Seattle, late
Sunday: at Seattle, 4 p.m.
x-Aug. 24: at Washington, TBD

SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-5)
Las Vegas/Phoenix winner vs. Seattle/Washington winner
Chicago/New York winner vs. Connecticut/Dallas winner

WNBA FINALS
Semifinal winners (best-of-5), TBD

TENNIS

WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN
Thursday at Lindner Family Tennis Center, Cincinnati, outdoors, hard
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#1 Daniil Medvedev d. Denis Shapovalov, 7-5, 7-5.
#3 Carlos Alcaraz vs. #14 Marin Cilic, late
#4 Stefanos Tsitsipas d. #13 Diego Schwartzman, 6-3, 6-3.
#7 elix Auger-Aliassime vs. #10Jannik Sinner, late
#9 Cameron Norrie vs. Ben Shelton, late
#11 Taylor Fritz d. #6 Andrey Rublev, 6-7(4), 6-2, 7-5.
Borna Coric d. #15 Roberto Bautista Agut, 6-2, 6-3.
John Isner d. Sebastian Korda, 7-6(3), 1-6, 7-6(5).
LATE WEDNESDAY, ROUND OF 32
Borna Coric d. #2 Rafael Nadal, 7-6(9), 4-6, 6-3.
#4 Stefanos Tsitsipas d. Filip Krajinovic, 6-3, 6-4.
#15 Roberto Bautista Agut d. Marcos Giron, 6-3, 6-3.
Sebastian Korda d. Frances Tiafoe, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
Madison Keys d. #1 Iga Swiatek, 6-3, 6-4.
Zhang Shuai d. #2 Anett Kontaveit, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Petra Kvitova d. #5 Ons Jabeur, 6-1, 4-6, 6-0.
#6 Aryna Sabalenka vs. Shelby Rogers, late
#7 Jessica Pegula vs. #10 Emma Raducanu, late
Elena Rybakina d. Alison Riske-Amritraj, 6-2, 6-4.
Caroline Garcia d. Elise Mertens, 6-4, 7-5.
Veronika Kudermetova vs. Ajla Tomljanovic, late
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
Shelby Rogers d. Amanda Anisimova, walkover
LATE WEDNESDAY, ROUNF OF 32
Ajla Tomljanovic d. #3 Paula Badosa, 6-7(3), 6-0, 6-2.
Elena Rybakina d. #8 Garbine Muguruza, 6-3, 6-1.

WTA ODLUM BROWN
Thursday at Hollyburn Country Club, Vancouver, outdoors, hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#1 Madison Brengle d. CoCo Vandeweghe, 7-5, 6-2.
#2 Lucia Bronzetti d. Priscilla Horn, 6-2, 6-3.
Maddison Inglis d. #4 Wang Xinyu, 6-3, 6-2.
Emma Navarro d. Arianne Hartono, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

ODDS

MLB — **FRIDAY**

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**	**LINE**
at Chi Cubs	off	Milwaukee	off
NY Mets	-116	at Philadelphia	-102
at Pittsburgh	off	Cincinnati	off
San Francisco	-162	at Colorado	+136
St. Louis	-176	at Arizona	+148
at San Diego	-360	Washington	+290
at LA Dodgers	-270	Miami	+220
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Toronto	-126	at NY Yankees	+108
Boston	-116	at Baltimore	-102
at Tampa Bay	-235	Kansas City	+194
at Cleveland	-132	Chi White Sox	+112
LA Angels	-136	at Detroit	+116
at Minnesota	-136	Texas	+116
Seattle	-138	at Oakland	+118
INTERLEAGUE			
at Atlanta	-134	Houston	+116

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GOLF

WORLD RANKINGS

RK. GOLFER	COUNTRY	AVG
1. Scottie Scheffler	U.S.	10.04
2. Cameron Smith	Australia	8.92
3. Rory McIlroy	N. Ireland	8.09
4. Patrick Cantlay	U.S.	7.52
5. Jon Rahm	Spain	7.20
6. Xander Schauffele	U.S.	7.06
7. Justin Thomas	U.S.	6.68
8. Collin Morikawa	U.S.	6.59
9. Will Zalatoris	U.S.	6.43
10. Viktor Hovland	Norway	6.21
11. Matt Fitzpatrick	England	6.18
12. Sam Burns	U.S.	5.92
13. Jordan Spieth	U.S.	5.76
14. Tony Finau	U.S.	5.42
15. Billy Horschel	U.S.	4.74
16. Hideki Matsuyama	Japan	4.67
17. Cameron Young	U.S.	4.47
18. Joaquin Niemann	Chile	3.99
19. Joohyung Kim	S. Korea	3.91
20. Sungjae Im	S. Korea	3.90
21. Dustin Johnson	U.S.	3.87
22. Max Homa	U.S.	3.64
23. Abraham Ancer	Mexico	3.38
24. Shane Lowry	Ireland	3.41
25. Brooks Koepka	U.S.	3.34
26. Tyrrell Hatton	England	3.18
27. Tommy Fleetwood	England	3.17
28. Kevin Kisner	U.S.	3.15
29. Louis Oosthuizen	S. Africa	3.10
30. Corey Conners	Canada	3.09
31. Daniel Berger	U.S.	3.04
32. Paul Casey	England	2.99
33. Bryson DeChambeau	U.S.	2.89
34. Kevin Na	U.S.	2.84
35. Thomas Pieters	Belgium	2.80
36. Brian Harman	U.S.	2.77
37. Adam Scott	Australia	2.75
38. Jason Kokrak	U.S.	2.74
39. Seamus Power	Ireland	2.72
40. Aaron Wise	U.S.	2.64
41. Harris English	U.S.	2.64
42. Harold Varner III	U.S.	2.61
43. Sepp Straka	Austria	2.59
44. Talor Gooch	U.S.	2.56
45. Kyoung-Hoon Lee	S. Korea	2.50
46. Tom Hoge	U.S.	2.46
47. Keegan Bradley	U.S.	2.43
48. Ryan Fox	N. Zealand	2.37
49. Patrick Reed	U.S.	2.33
50. Guillermo Mito Pereira	Chile	2.26

MONEY LEADERS	EV	MONEY	W
Scottie Scheffler	23	$13,176,910	4
Cameron Smith	17	$10,107,897	3
Will Zalatoris	23	$9,405,082	1
Rory McIlroy	14	$8,234,566	2
Matt Fitzpatrick	18	$6,973,972	1
Sam Burns	22	$6,885,736	3
Justin Thomas	19	$6,793,876	1
Patrick Cantlay	18	$6,669,605	1
Xander Schauffele	19	$6,557,299	3
Cameron Young	23	$6,387,098	0
Tony Finau	23	$6,013,636	2
Hideki Matsuyama	19	$5,708,548	2
Sungjae Im	24	$5,320,474	1
Max Homa	22	$5,156,342	2
Billy Horschel	20	$4,872,850	1
Jordan Spieth	20	$4,830,194	1
Jon Rahm	17	$4,828,220	1
Viktor Hovland	19	$4,800,711	1
Collin Morikawa	17	$4,789,271	0
Joaquin Niemann	22	$4,656,060	1
Sepp Straka	31	$4,618,184	1
Tom Hoge	30	$4,271,346	1
Talor Gooch	22	$3,718,990	1
Kevin Kisner	23	$3,718,724	0
Keegan Bradley	24	$3,589,837	0
Corey Conners	23	$3,329,090	0
Shane Lowry	17	$3,301,679	0
J.T. Poston	28	$3,224,693	1
Aaron Wise	22	$3,207,021	0
Brian Harman	25	$3,159,089	0
Davis Riley	28	$3,156,443	0
Anirban Lahiri	24	$3,084,598	0
Seamus Power	25	$3,068,741	0
Cameron Tringale	28	$3,018,419	0
Keith Mitchell	25	$2,979,591	0
Sahith Theegala	30	$2,877,168	0
Tommy Fleetwood	17	$2,874,008	0
J.J. Spaun	28	$2,817,652	1
K.H. Lee	26	$2,799,680	1
Joohyung Kim	10	$2,790,230	1
Denny McCarthy	28	$2,778,521	0
Russell Henley	21	$2,769,755	0
Mito Pereira	26	$2,763,575	0
Tyrrell Hatton	18	$2,716,292	0
Luke List	27	$2,702,170	1
Maverick McNealy	26	$2,601,004	0
Adam Hadwin	25	$2,526,396	0

D+D REAL CZECH MASTERS
1st of 4 rounds, Albatross Golf Resort,Prague, 7,468 yards; Par: 72

64 (-8)	
Louis De Jager	32-32
65 (-7)	
Thomas Pieters	31-34
66 (-6)	
Jordan Gumberg	31-35
Tapio Pulkkanen	32-34
Marcel Schneider	32-34
Johannes Veerman	32-34
67 (-5)	
Grant Forrest	34-33
Gavin Green	34-33
Angel Hidalgo	32-35
Hugo Leon	34-33
Richard Mansell	33-34
Jake McLeod	34-33
Renato Paratore	34-33
Antoine Rozner	34-33
68 (-4)	
Pep Angles	35-33
Austin Bautista	34-34
Scott Jamieson	35-33
Mathiam Keyser	32-36
Maximilian Kieffer	34-34
Marcus Kinhult	34-34
Ales Korinek	32-36
Joakim Lagergren	36-32
Thriston Lawrence	33-35
Carlos Pigem	34-34
Rory Sabbatini	35-33
Jack Senior	33-35
Jordan Zunic	35-33
69 (-3)	
Nino Bertasio	31-38
Alejandro Canizares	34-35
Oliver Farr	35-34
Alfredo Garcia-Heredia	34-35
Frederic Lacroix	35-34
Tom Lewis	35-34
Eddie Pepperell	34-35
Ricardo Santos	34-35
Lee Slattery	35-34
David Tomi	34-35
70 (-2)	
Thomas Aiken	36-34
Maverick Antcliff	33-37
Jens Dantorp	36-34
Ross Fisher	33-37
Sebastian Garcia Rodriguez	36-34
Gregory Havret	35-35
Benjamin Hebert	34-36
Daan Huizing	34-36
Soren Kjeldsen	35-35
Zander Lombard	34-36
Andrea Pavan	36-34
Victor Perez	34-36
Michal Pospisil	36-34
Ian Poulter	37-33
Jack Singh Brar	35-35
Julian Suri	35-35
Oliver Wilson	35-35
71 (-1)	
Matej Baca	34-37
Bobby Bai	37-34
Gregory Bourdy	35-36
David Carey	35-36
John Catlin	37-34
Sean Crocker	36-35
Jannik De Bruyn	36-35
Michael Feuerstein	37-34
Stephen Gallacher	36-35
Jean-Baptiste Gonnet	35-36
Ricardo Gouveia	35-36
Joost Luiten	35-36
Gavin Moynihan	36-35
Filip Mruzek	36-35
Zach Murray	37-34
Wilco Nienaber	35-36
Damien Perrier	36-35
Robin Roussel	34-37
Kalle Samooja	35-36
Cormac Sharvin	35-36
Joel Stalter	35-36
Sebastian Vida	34-37
Borja Virto Astudillo	35-36
Simon Zach	37-34
72 (even)	
Wil Besseling	36-36
Gordan Brixi	37-35
Laurie Canter	36-36
Victor Dubuisson	37-35
Oliver Fisher	38-34
Craig Howie	35-37
Matthieu Pavon	36-36
Garrick Porteous	35-37
Sebastian Soderberg	34-38
Uli Weinhandl	36-36
Robin Williams	36-36
Hui-Lin Zhang	35-37

After agreeing to an 11-game ban for allegations of sexual misconduct, Browns QB Deshaun Watson once again maintained he was innocent. **JOSHUA GUNTER/CLEVELAND.COM VIA AP**

NFL

Watson settlement: 11-game suspension

QB will also pay $5M fine as part of deal with league

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Browns quarterback Deshaun Watson will serve an 11-game unpaid suspension, pay a $5 million fine and undergo professional evaluation and treatment as part of a settlement with the NFL following accusations of sexual misconduct by two dozen women.

The league had sought to ban Watson for at least one year for violating its personal conduct policy. He was accused of sexually harassing and coercing the women during massage therapy sessions while he played for the Texans.

Watson signed a $230 million fully guaranteed contract after being traded to the Browns in March. The three-time Pro Bowler will lose $632,500 in salary this season while serving the suspension, which takes effect Aug. 30.

"My whole life I just have to be able to move forward and that's the plan," Watson said shortly after the settlement became public. "I have to be able to move forward with my career, move forward with my family, my personal life and everything."

The settlement ends months of speculation and headed off a ruling from former New Jersey attorney general Peter C. Harvey, who was appointed by Commissioner Roger Goodell after the league appealed a six-game suspension issued by disciplinary officer Sue L. Robinson.

As part of the settlement between the league and the NFL Players Association, Watson will have to be evaluated by behavioral experts and follow their treatment program, the NFL said.

Watson, who recently apologized for the first time since the allegations surfaced, spoke to reporters after the settlement was announced.

"I've always stood on my innocence and always said that I've never assaulted anyone or disrespected anyone and I'm continuing to stand on that," he said. "But at the same time, I have to continue to push forward with my life and my career, and for us to be able to move forward, I have to be able to take steps and put pride to the side.

"I'm going to continue to stand on my innocence and keep pushing forward, and I've always stood on not disrespecting or sexually assaulting anyone."

As part of the settlement, Watson may return for the Browns' game against the Texans on Dec. 4 in Houston. He won't be allowed at the team's facility during the suspension and will be eligible for reinstatement on Nov. 28.

Browns coach Kevin Stefanski said Watson will not play in any of the Browns' preseason games.

Along with his $5 million fine, the league and Browns are donating $1 million each to a fund that will support nonprofit organizations across the country to educate young people on "healthy relationships, promote education and prevention of sexual misconduct and assault, support survivors, and related causes."

Browns owners Dee and Jimmy Haslam, who have been widely criticized for trading for Watson, stood by the QB. They said they expect him to learn and grow.

Haslam was asked if he's still comfortable with Watson being on the Browns' roster.

"Absolutely," he said. "100%"

On Aug. 1, Watson was suspended six games by Robinson, a former federal judge jointly appointed by the league and union to act as an independent disciplinary officer. She found the 26-year-old violated the league's conduct policy and called his behavior "egregious" and "predatory."

Believing the suspension was too light, the league appealed and pushed Watson's case back to Goodell, who had handled all player discipline in the past. The league previously pushed for an indefinite suspension and hefty fine.

Watson was accused of being sexually inappropriate with the women during massage therapy sessions from March 2020 to March 2021 in Texas. One woman alleged Watson forced her to perform oral sex.

Two separate grand juries in Texas declined to indict Watson, who recently settled 23 of 24 lawsuits.

AP writer Rob Maaddi contributed to this report.

IN BRIEF

Bradley leads BMW Championship

News services

Keegan Bradley hasn't been to the FedEx Cup finale in four years, and he started the BMW Championship on Thursday like he was in a hurry to get back.

Bradley, the 36-year-old former PGA champion, matched a career low with a 29 on the front nine at Wilmington Country Club and finished with a 7-under 64 to take a one-shot lead over Adam Scott.

Bradley is at No. 44 in the FedEx Cup and likely needs a top 10 — he hasn't had one since the U.S. Open — to be among the 30 players who advance to the Tour Championship in Atlanta to chase the $18 million prize.

Scott started the postseason at No. 77 and tied for fifth in the playoff opener last week just to make it to the second stage. Now he's at No. 45, giving him a chance.

PGA champion and 2017 FedEx Cup winner Justin Thomas put a different putter in the bag and responded with a 66 to leave him in the group with former British Open champion Shane Lowry and Harold Varner III.

Two-time FedEx Cup champ Rory McIlroy was the only player from the afternoon who looked to challenge Bradley, and he was doing just that at 6 under with four holes to play. But then he was between clubs on the par-3 15th, tried to hit a soft cut with a 5-iron and put his tee shot into he water. He took three putts from just short of the green, missing a 3-footer, and made triple bogey.

McIlroy was in the group at 68 that included Jordan Spieth and Patrick Cantlay, who won the BMW Championship last year an hour down the road at Caves Valley on his way to capturing the FedEx Cup.

Will Zalatoris won his first PGA Tour title last week at an ideal time, moving to the top of the FedEx Cup standings. Three holes into the BMW Championship, he went bunker to rough to bunker and then three-putted for a double bogey.

He rallied with four birdies on the back and escaped with a 70.

Scottie Scheffler, the No. 1 player in the world rankings who is coming off a missed cut, still felt scrappy but holed enough putts for a 69.

■ Jessica Korda made three eagles in an 11-under 61 that equaled a Ladies European Tour record and gave her a five-shot lead after the first round of the Aramco Team Series in Sotogrande, Spain. Korda also added six birdies to go with one bogey-on the par-4 eighth to break the course record at La Reserva Club and equal the lowest round in relation to par on the Ladies European Tour. Manon De Roey of Belgium and Pia Babnik of Slovenia were in a tie for second after both shot a 66. Nelly Korda, Jessica's sister, was one shot further back in a tie for fourth despite a double bogey 7 on the sixth. The event features a 54-hole individual tournament taking place alongside a 36-hole team event. The quartet including Jessica Korda, Tereza Melecka, Noora Komulainen and amateur Malcolm Borwick also hold a one-shot lead in the team event.

College football: FIU player Luke Knox, who appeared in 23 games at Mississippi before joining the Panthers and was the brother of Bills TE Dawson Knox, died Wednesday night, the university announced Thursday. The cause wasn't revealed, though the university said police don't suspect foul play. Knox, who studied business, was 22.

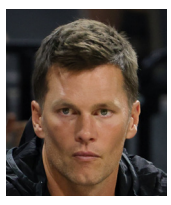
NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Kadri joining Flames on 7-year deal

Nazem Kadri is going to the Flames, leaving the Avalanche after helping them win the Stanley Cup for the first time since 2001. The Flames announced a seven-year, $49 million contract Thursday, meaning Kadri will count $7 million against the salary cap through 2029. The move came shortly after the Flames traded forward Sean Monahan to the Canadiens to free up space under the salary cap. Landing Kadri is the second big deal the Flames have made this offseason, coming about a month after the team acquired Jonathan Huberdeau, MacKenzie Weegar and a conditional first-round pick in a trade that sent Matthew Tkachuk to the Panthers. The Pacific Division-winning Flames have had to restock their lineup after also losing Johnny Gaudreau in free agency this offseason. Kadri, 31, set career highs with 59 assists and 87 points in 71 games last season. The gritty center from London, Ontario, added seven goals and eight assists during the Avs' Cup run, sandwiched around a broken thumb he played through in the final against the Lightning.

'No definitive' date for Brady's return



The Buccaneers still expect Tom Brady to return to the team sometime after Saturday's preseason game against the Titans but there's "no definitive" date for him to rejoin the club, coach Todd Bowles said Thursday. Brady, left, was excused from the team for undisclosed "personal reasons" last week, and the Bucs admitted the leave was planned before the start of training camp. Following another joint practice with the Titans, Bowles said he couldn't pinpoint the date for Brady's return. "We'll see. We'll talk about it next week," Bowles said. "I'm not concerned about it right now. We're trying to practice against Tennessee and play a game. I said sometime after Tennessee. There's no definitive date for me. We'll think on it. We'll keep in touch and find out." Bucs players will be off Sunday. It's likely the 45-year-old Brady will return in time to play in the final preseason game against the Colts on Aug. 27. Since he wasn't going to play in the first two preseason games, Bowles had said Brady wanted to get work early in camp with some of the Bucs' new receivers, such as Russell Gage and Julio Jones.

Raikkonen hits pause on retirement

Kimi Raikkonen retired to Switzerland at the end of last year's Formula One season and has blissfully spent the last eight months with his young family. Did he miss racing? "Not really, no," the 2007 F1 champion said. Yet here he is, not even a full year into retirement, and Raikkonen will race again. Raikkonen will race Sunday at Watkins Glen International in upstate New York in — and this isn't a typo — a NASCAR event. Raikkonen was persuaded to get back behind the wheel by TrackHouse Racing and its ambitious, purpose-driven Project91 program. Project91 was created to raise NASCAR's worldwide profile with top drivers from other formulas by Justin Marks, the 41-year-old former driver and now co-owner of NASCAR's hot, new winning team. He was prepared to personally fund the debut race at Watkins Glen, a road course where TrackHouse should compete for the win. Raikkonen, 42, competed in both an Xfinity Series and Truck race at Charlotte Motor Speedway during one weekend in 2011, when he took a one-year sabbatical in his 19-year F1 career. *—News services*

Ukrainian boxer Oleksandr Usyk, left, will defend his WBA, IBF and WBO heavyweight titles in a rematch with England's Anthony Joshua on Saturday in Saudi Arabia. Usyk took the belts from Joshua in a bout last year in London. **FRANCOIS NEL/GETTY**

BOXING

They're in fighting form

Battles in and out of the ring add to Usyk-Joshua rematch

By Steve Douglas
Associated Press

Dressed in traditional Cossack clothing, Oleksandr Usyk followed up his face-off with Anthony Joshua by performing a Ukrainian resistance song on stage.

Clapping his hands rhythmically, Usyk — with a horseshoe mustache and those steely eyes of his — broke into "Oi u luzi chervona kalyna," a song from 1875 inspired by Ukraine's 18th-century struggle for independence and now chanted in defiance amid the war with Russia.

Joshua didn't hang around, exiting the stage while Usyk's team joined in the singing.

If it wasn't already clear, Usyk is fighting for much more than his world heavyweight belts in his rematch with Joshua in Saudi Arabia.

Just six months ago, Usyk was patrolling the streets of Kyiv with an automatic rifle as part of his capital city's Territorial Defense Force, praying he wouldn't need to pull the trigger.

On Saturday, he'll be in Jeddah, serving his country in a very different way — by attempting to retain the WBA, IBF and WBO titles he claimed from Joshua in London last September.

"At one point," Usyk said in the buildup to the rematch, "I went to the hospital where soldiers were wounded and getting rehabilitation, and they asked me to go, to fight (Joshua), to fight for the country.

"They said if you go there, you're going to help our country even more instead of fighting inside Ukraine."

How about that for motivation?

Usyk left Ukraine in March for a training camp in Poland and more recently in Dubai. He has had to spend so much time away from his family — he has a wife, Yekaterina, and three kids — and that has not been easy.

But he's determined to provide some joy to his country, where the fight will be broadcast free of charge in a decision by organizers sparked by Usyk's original push to buy the TV rights for the bout.

"I'm very pleased about that," he said. "We all worked hard on it."

Joshua, seeking to become a three-time heavyweight champion, is in the rare position of being an underdog after being dominated in the first fight, losing by unanimous decision.

After a clinic in movement and fast punching by Usyk, Joshua ended the fight slumped on the ropes and with a closed right eye. He hadn't been able to take advantage of his longer reach and supposed extra power, and struggled with fighting a southpaw.

The 32-year-old Joshua should be better prepared this time, having hired a new trainer in widely esteemed Robert Garcia, a former IBF super-featherweight champ who has Jose Ramirez, Jesse Rodriguez and Mikey Garcia — his brother and a four-weight world champ — in his stable.

Joshua will have a different game plan, for sure — he surely won't attempt to outbox Usyk like last time — but does he have the talent to beat a man who has stepped up from cruiserweight and still looks at home? Usyk has bulked up since the first fight, too.

"One of my main strengths is that I'm a quick learner, I'm a sponge," Joshua said Wednesday at the final head-to-head. "But ultimately ... it's a fight. That's it. Whoever throws the most punches and lands the most wins."

This will be Joshua's second fight in Saudi Arabia and he arrived in the kingdom a month ago, looking to regain his belts like he did in 2019 when he beat Andy Ruiz Jr. in a rematch in Riyadh.

After that victory, he told reporters that coming to fight in Saudi Arabia has "made me more aware of the issues" in the country. The topic of conversation was "sportswashing" — the use of sports to burnish the kingdom's image and downplay concerns about its human rights issues.

Still, Joshua is back there again, for a fight the Saudis have reportedly paid $80 million to stage. He has called Saudi Arabia his "second home" and insisted his presence isn't helping to sanitize the kingdom. When asked again about sportswashing, he said "I don't know what that is."

"The world's in a bad place — I can't just point one place out," he said. "If you want to point Saudi out, let's point everyone out. We've all got to do better and that's where my heart is. The whole world has got to do better.

"I feel like I bring light. Boxing is such a dark industry. There's so much negativity, tearing each other down, and egos. I'm not really into that, I'm just trying to bring light to people."

It feels like a defining fight, both for Joshua's career and for Usyk's life. Heavyweight title matches can often be accompanied with potential plans for future fights and opponents, but both Joshua and Usyk are very much living in the present.

"He was in touch with high-ranking military officers and he visited the hospitals with injured soldiers. In every conversation, he heard words of blessing and support to take the rematch," Usyk's promoter, Alexander Krassyuk, said of his fighter.

"People wanted him to fight. People still want him to win. People want the Ukrainian flag to rise, people want the Ukrainian anthem to be heard throughout the whole planet. Not many men in the world can deliver this to millions of people."

COLLEGES

Big Ten lands $7B, NFL-style TV deals

By Ralph D. Russo | Associated Press

The Big Ten's new $7 billion media rights deal will string the conference's top football games across three major networks each week, creating an NFL-style television schedule on Saturdays.

The Big Ten announced Thursday it has reached seven-year agreements with Fox, CBS and NBC to share the rights to the conference's football and basketball games.

The deals go into effect in 2023, expire in 2030 and eventually will allow the conference's soon-to-be 16 member universities to share more than $1 billion per year, pushing the total value of the agreements past $7 billion, The Associated Press reported.

Big Ten and network officials aren't disclosing financial details publicly, but the deal is believed to be the richest ever on an annual basis for a college sports property. The large increase in revenue to the conference won't kick in until the third year of the deal and gradually will increase over the final five years.

"I think what it does, it affords us the opportunity to make sure that we can continually do the things we need to do to take care of our student-athletes, to fortify our institutions, to build our programs," Big Ten Commissioner Kevin Warren told the AP.

The deal sets a new benchmark in the college sports arms race, which is based heavily on TV money. The Southeastern Conference has a deal with ESPN that starts in 2024 and is also worth upward of $7 billion, but over 10 years.

That deal was announced before the conference moved to expand to 16 schools with the additions of Texas and Oklahoma.

The Big Ten currently has 14 members, stretching from Rutgers and Maryland on the East Coast to Nebraska across the Midwest, and covering some of the biggest media markets in the country, including New York, Philadelphia and Chicago.

In 2024, Southern California and UCLA are scheduled to join the Big Ten, adding the Los Angeles market to its footprint.

Former Fox Sports President Bob Thompson said adding teams from the second-largest media market in the country (5.8 million homes) had to make the conference even more appealing to TV networks.

Plus, the West Coast schools should help increase what conference can make off its cable network in that part of the country.

"The economics of that alone are rather large," Thompson said. "If you get 3 million people all of sudden get the Big Ten network as part of their expanded basic (cable package), that's $3 million a month. Compared to what they had been getting which is like $3 million a year."

With ESPN out of the equation for Big Ten football after a 40-year relationship, the league is set to lock down three prominent time slots with its network partners.

Fox, which has shared the rights to the Big Ten with ESPN since 2017 and owns a majority stake in BTN, will continue to feature noon Eastern time as its primary game of the day.

Fox and its cable network FS1 will have the rights to more than two dozen football games, at least 45 men's basketball games and women's basketball games.

CBS, starting in 2024, will replace the SEC game of the week at 3:30 p.m. Eastern — that is moving to ABC — with a Big Ten game.

CBS will carry 14-15 Big Ten football games a season from 2024-29, including a Black Friday game. Unlike with its longtime SEC deal, CBS will not be guaranteed the first selection of football games each week with the Big Ten. Fox, CBS and NBC will hold a draft for games, allowing each network some opportunities for first selection in a given week.

In 2023, CBS will carry seven Big Ten games while it still has the SEC on CBS at 3:30 p.m. Eastern. The network will continue to be the home of Big Ten men's basketball, including the conference tournament semifinals and finals, and it will begin airing the women's basketball tournament championship.

"When we did our financial analysis, and looked at the major markets — even before USC and UCLA — and the national footprint of the Big Ten, it was a very attractive deal for us," said Sean McManus, chairman of CBS Sports. "And I think the money is fair. It's unprecedented. They're the largest deals in the history of college football."

Starting in 2023, NBC will launch "Big Ten Saturday Night" in prime time and broadcast 15-16 games per season. The agreement with NBC also includes eight football games and dozens of men's and women's basketball games per season to be exclusively streamed on Peacock, the network's online subscription service.

NBC also has a separate, longstanding broadcast deal with Notre Dame, which remains unaffiliated with a conference.

Each network will air the Big Ten's championship football game at least once during the length of the deals, with Fox securing the rights to four (2023, '25, '27, '29).

Warren spent more than two decades working as an executive in the front office of three NFL teams. He said the Big Ten's vision for its new broadcast deal was modeled after an NFL Sunday, with three consecutive marquee games across three different networks, airing from noon to nearly midnight Eastern.

BUSINESS

US plans trade talks with Taiwan, spurs China's ire

Announcement of 'formal negotiations' omits mention of heightened tension

By Johnson Lai and Joe McDonald
Associated Press

HUALIEN, Taiwan — The U.S. government will hold trade talks with Taiwan in a sign of support for the island democracy that China claims as its own territory, prompting Beijing to warn Thursday it will take action if necessary to "safeguard its sovereignty."

The announcement of trade talks comes after Beijing fired missiles into the sea to intimidate Taiwan after U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi this month became the highest-ranking American official to visit the island in 25 years.

Chinese President Xi Jinping's government criticized the planned talks as a violation of its stance that Taiwan has no right to foreign relations. It warned Washington not to encourage the island to try to make its de facto independence permanent, a step Beijing says would lead to war.

"China firmly opposes this," Ministry of Commerce spokesperson Shu Jueting said. She called on Washington to "fully respect China's core interests."

Taiwan and China split in 1949 after a civil war and have no official relations but are bound by billions of dollars of trade and investment. The island never has been part of the People's Republic of China, but the ruling Communist Party says it is obliged to unite with the mainland, by force if necessary.

President Joe Biden's coordinator for the Indo-Pacific region, Kurt Campbell, said last week that trade talks would "deepen our ties with Taiwan" but stressed policy wasn't changing. The United States has no diplomatic relations with Taiwan, its ninth-largest trading partner, but maintains extensive informal ties.

The U.S. trade representative's announcement of the talks made no mention of tension with Beijing but said "formal negotiations" would develop trade and regulatory ties, a step that would entail closer official interaction.

Being allowed to export more to the U.S. might help Taiwan blunt China's efforts to use its status as the island's biggest trading partner as political leverage. The mainland blocked imports of Taiwanese citrus and other food in retaliation for Pelosi's visit.

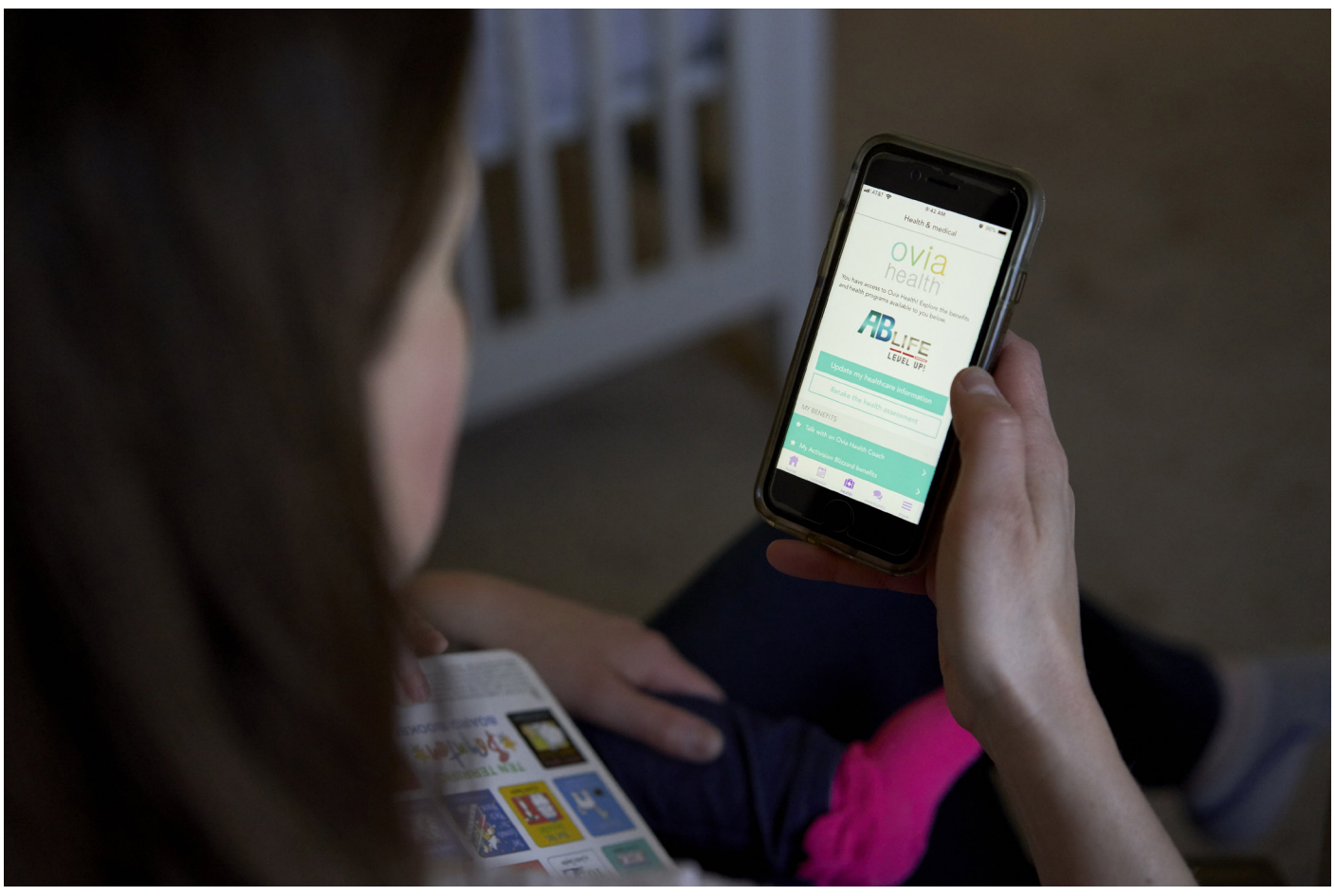
Taiwan's Foreign Ministry expressed "high welcome" for the trade talks, which it said will lead to a "new page" in relations with the United States.

"As the situation across the Taiwan Strait has recently escalated, the U.S. government will continue to take concrete actions to maintain security and stability across the Taiwan Strait," it said in a statement.

U.S.-Chinese relations are at their lowest level in decades amid disputes over trade, security, technology and Beijing's treatment of Muslim minorities and Hong Kong.

The U.S. trade representative said negotiations would be conducted under the auspices of Washington's unofficial embassy, the American Institute in Taiwan.

"China always opposes any form of official exchanges between any country and the Taiwan region of China," said Shu, the Chinese spokesperson. "China will take all necessary measures to resolutely safeguard its sovereignty."



The Ovia pregnancy app, shown on screen, was among the apps studied by the Mozilla Foundation. **PHILIP CHEUNG/THE WASHINGTON POST**

Legal risk of pregnancy apps

Amid reversal of Roe v. Wade, new report shows tech falls short in keeping data private

By Samantha Masunaga
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Many popular reproductive health apps are lacking when it comes to protecting users' data privacy, according to a new report highlighting the potential legal risk to people seeking an abortion.

After studying 20 of the most popular period-tracking and pregnancy-tracking apps, researchers from the nonprofit Mozilla Foundation found that 18 of them had data collection practices that raised privacy or security concerns.

The report also considered five wearable devices that track fertility but did not raise concerns about their data collection.

Many of the apps had vague privacy policies that didn't spell out what data could be shared with government agencies or law enforcement, said Jen Caltrider, lead researcher for Mozilla's "Privacy Not Included" buyers' guide for connected consumer products, which produced the report.

Ideally, she said, companies would publicly commit to handling data requests from law enforcement by requiring a court order or subpoena before handing over any data, working to narrow requests as much as possible and alerting users about any requests, she said.

Experts have said health data input into most period-tracking apps isn't subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, also known as HIPAA, which regulates how health providers and other entities must treat patients' data.

A vague privacy policy can mean users won't know what data are being shared, with whom and under what circumstances, forcing users to blindly trust a company to protect their information.

"It gets really gray and really slippery very quickly," Caltrider said. "It's really hard to be certain exactly what is being shared and with whom."

That could be a concern in states that moved to prohibit abortion following the Supreme Court's reversal of the landmark Roe vs. Wade decision.

Residents in some states do get some protection.

For example, in California, where abortion remains legal, residents have the right to access, delete and opt out of the sale and sharing of their personal information.

"Small health apps that are collecting health information or even the Fitbit that your doctor tells you to wear may not be covered under HIPAA, but they are most likely covered under the California law," said Ashkan Soltani, executive director of the California Privacy Protection Agency, which implements and enforces the state's consumer privacy laws.

In addition to vague privacy policies, the Mozilla report also found that some apps allowed weak passwords or were not clear on how algorithms used to predict ovulation and fertility time frames operated.

Consumers often want to but don't know how to protect their privacy or don't see immediate harm from not doing so, Caltrider said. But as the monetization of user data only continues to increase, consumers should see this as a "tipping point," she said.

"Last time abortion was illegal, we didn't have the internet. Digital surveillance wasn't a factor," Caltrider said. "It is very much now. It's time that we really start to consider that there are harms when our privacy is violated."

Google staffers call for more abortion safeguards

Associated Press

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — Hundreds of Google employees are petitioning the company to extend its abortion health care benefits to contract workers and to strengthen privacy protections for Google users searching for abortion information online.

Google parent company Alphabet had pledged to pay travel and other health care costs for employees seeking an out-of-state abortion and to help some workers relocate after the U.S. Supreme Court repealed the constitutional right to an abortion.

The June 24 decision overturning 1973's Roe v. Wade ruling has paved the way for severe abortion restrictions or bans in nearly half the country.

The benefits for abortion services offered by Google and other tech companies don't cover contract workforces, which are common in the tech industry and often get paid less and have fewer perks than full-time employees.

A letter signed by more than 650 employees and sent this week to Google CEO Sundar Pichai and other Alphabet executives calls for the inclusion of contractors in those benefits. It also demands that the company cease any political donations or lobbying of politicians or groups "responsible for appointing the Supreme Court justices who overturned Roe v. Wade and continue to infringe on other human rights issues related to voting access and gun control."

The employees seek additional protection for Google users, such as by blocking advertisements that misleadingly direct users to anti-abortion "pregnancy crisis" centers.

The petition was organized by members of the Alphabet Workers Union, a labor union that's been trying to gain traction inside the company.

Google said in July that it would start automatically purging information about users who visit abortion clinics or other places that could trigger legal problems. Users have always had the option to edit their location histories on their own, but Google said it will proactively do it for them as an added level of protection.

Last week's US jobless claims drop to 250,000

By Matt Ott
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Slightly fewer Americans filed for unemployment benefits last week as the labor market continues to stand out as one of the strongest segments of the U.S. economy.

Applications for jobless aid for the week ending Aug. 13 fell by 2,000 to 250,000, the Labor Department reported Thursday. Last week's number, which raised some eyebrows, was revised down by 10,000.

The four-week average for claims, which evens out some of the week-to-week volatility, fell by 2,750 to 246,750.

The number of Americans collecting traditional unemployment benefits increased by 7,000 the week that ended Aug. 6, to 1.43 million. That's the most since early April.

Unemployment applications generally reflect layoffs and are often seen as an early indicator of where the job market is headed.

Hiring in the United States in 2022 has been remarkably resilient in the face of rising interest rates and weak economic growth.

The Labor Department reported earlier this month that U.S. employers added 528,000 jobs in July, more than double what forecasters had expected.

The unemployment rate dipped to 3.5%, tying a 50-year low reached just before coronavirus pandemic slammed the U.S. economy in early 2020.

The United States recovered with unexpected strength from 2020's COVID-19 recession, leaving businesses scrambling to find enough workers.

That's not to say the economy doesn't face challenges. Consumer prices have been surging, rising 8.5% in July from a year earlier — down from June's 40-year high 9.1%.

To combat inflation, the Federal Reserve has raised its benchmark short-term interest rate four times this year.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

30-year mortgage rate falls slightly

WASHINGTON — Average long-term U.S. mortgage rates came back down slightly this week after the key 30-year loan rate jumped nearly a quarter point last week.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the 30-year rate fell to 5.13% from 5.22% last week. Last year at this time, the rate stood at 2.86%.

The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, popular among those looking to refinance, inched down to 4.55% from 4.59% last week. One year ago, it was 2.16%.

Rapidly rising interest rates — which add hundreds of dollars to monthly mortgage payments — have pushed many potential homebuyers to the sideline this year, cooling the once red-hot housing market.

Strikes paralyze UK train service

LONDON — Thousands of train workers in Britain staged a new round of strikes Thursday, paralyzing rail service across the country in an escalating dispute over pay and working conditions exacerbated by a deepening cost-of-living crisis.

Only around 1 in 5 trains across the U.K. ran due to the walkout by union members, who have already staged multiple strikes in recent months. A strike planned for Friday is expected to affect most of the London Underground subway network as well as bus service in the capital, while another walkout Saturday is set to disrupt national train travel again. Unions representing postal, port and aviation workers have also announced strikes as the cost-of-living crisis bites into wages.

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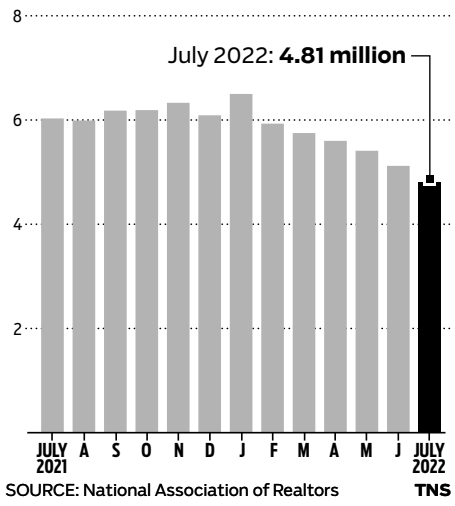

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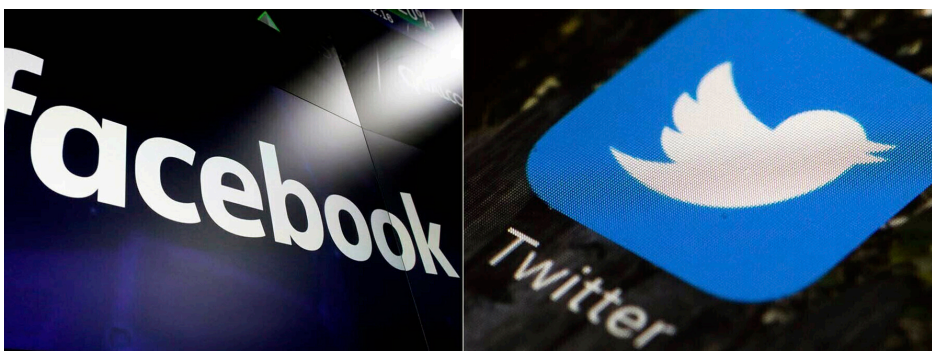


Facebook and Twitter are generally staying the course from the 2020 voting season. **AP**

Social media giants short on changes, specifics for '22 vote

By Barbara Ortutay and Amanda Seitz
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Social media companies are offering few specifics as they share their plans for safeguarding the U.S. midterm elections.

Platforms like Facebook and Twitter are generally staying the course from the 2020 voting season, which was marred by conspiracies and culminated in the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Video app TikTok, which has soared in popularity since the last election cycle while also cementing its place as a problem spot for misinformation, announced this week that it is launching an election center that will help people find voting locations and candidate information.

The center will show up on videos about U.S. elections and in the feeds of users who search election-related hashtags. TikTok is also partnering with voting advocacy groups to provide specialized voting information for college students, people who are deaf, military members living overseas and those with past criminal convictions.

TikTok, like other platforms, would not provide details on the number of full-time employees or how much money it is dedicating to U.S. midterm efforts to push accurate voting information and counter misinformation.

The company said it is working with over a dozen fact-checking organizations, including U.S.-based PolitiFact and Lead Stories, on debunking misinformation. The company will use a combination of humans and artificial intelligence to detect and remove threats against election workers as well as voting misinformation.

TikTok said it's also watching for influencers who break its rules by accepting money off platform to promote political issues or candidates, a problem that came to light during the 2020 election, said TikTok's head of safety Eric Han. The company is trying to educate creators and agencies about its rules, which include bans on political advertising.

"With the work we do, there is no finish line," Han said.

Meta Platforms Inc., which owns Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp, announced Tuesday that its approach to this election cycle is "largely consistent with the policies and safeguards" from 2020, Nick Clegg, Meta's president of global affairs, wrote in a blog post.

Meta declined to say how many people it has dedicated to its election team responsible for monitoring the midterms, only that it has "hundreds of people across more than 40 teams."

As in 2020, Clegg wrote, the company will remove misinformation about election dates, voting locations, voter registration and election outcomes.

Meta also said it will reduce how often it uses labels on election-related posts directing people toward reliable information. The company said its users found the labels overused. Some critics have also said the labels were often too generic and repetitive.

Compared with previous years, though, Meta's public communication about its response to election misinformation has gone decidedly quiet.

Between 2018 and 2020, the company released more than 30 statements that laid out specifics about how it would stifle U.S. election misinformation, prevent foreign adversaries from running ads or posts around the vote and subdue divisive hate speech. Until Tuesday's blog post, Meta had only released a one-page document outlining plans for the fall elections, even as potential threats to the vote persist.

Twitter, meanwhile, is sticking with its own misinformation labels, redesigned since 2020 based in part on user feedback. The company activated its "civic integrity policy" last week, which means tweets containing harmful misinformation about the election are labeled with links to credible information. The tweets themselves won't be promoted or amplified by the platform.

Wind energy boom collides with golden eagles in West

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press

CODY, Wyo. — The rush to build wind farms to combat climate change is colliding with preservation of one of the U.S. West's most spectacular predators — the golden eagle — as the species teeters on the edge of decline.

Ground zero in the conflict is Wyoming, a stronghold for golden eagles that soar on 7-foot wings and a favored location for wind farms. As wind turbines proliferate, scientists say deaths from collisions could drive down golden eagle numbers considered stable at best and likely to drop in some areas.

Yet climate change looms as a potentially greater threat: Rising temperatures are projected to reduce golden eagle breeding ranges more than 40% later this century, according to a National Audubon Society analysis.

That leaves golden eagles doubly vulnerable — to the shifting climate and to the wind energy promoted as a solution to that warming world.

"We have some of the best golden eagle populations in Wyoming, but it doesn't mean the population is not at risk," said Bryan Bedrosian, conservation director at the Teton Raptor Center in Wilson. "As we increase wind development across the U.S., that risk is increasing."

Turbine blades hundreds of feet long are among myriad threats to golden eagles, which are routinely shot, poisoned by lead, hit by vehicles and electrocuted on power lines.

The tenuous position of golden eagles contrasts with the conservation success of their avian cousins, bald eagles, whose numbers have quadrupled since 2009. There are about 350,000 bald eagles in the U.S., versus about 40,000 golden eagles, which need much larger areas to survive and are more inclined to have trouble with humans.

A researcher places a young golden eagle into a bag so it can be returned to its nest. **MATTHEW BROWN/AP**

Federal officials have tried to curb turbine deaths without slowing the growth of wind power — a key piece of President Joe Biden's climate agenda.

Golden eagles don't mate until about 5 years old and produce about one chick every two years, so adult eagle deaths have outsized effects on the population, said Bedrosian.

Illegal shootings are the biggest cause of death, killing about 700 golden eagles annually, according to federal estimates. More than 600 die annually in collisions, including with cars and wind turbines.

"Wind mortality wasn't a thing for golden eagles 10 years ago," Bedrosian said. "I don't want to pick on wind as the only thing. ... But it's the additive nature of all these things and several are increasing. Vehicle strikes are increasing. Climate change is increasing. Wind is increasing."

The criminal prosecution of a NextEra Energy subsidiary offered a glimpse into the problem's scope.

The company was ordered to pay more than $8 million in fines and restitution for killing eagles at wind farms in eight states.

NextEra remained defiant after the April plea deal: Its president said bird collisions with turbines were unavoidable accidents that should not be criminalized.

Duke Energy and PacifiCorp previously pleaded guilty to similar charges in Wyoming.

The number of wind turbines nationwide more than doubled over the past decade to almost 72,000, according to U.S. Geological Survey data.

To control the impact on eagles, federal officials want companies to obtain permits that allow them to kill some birds if the deaths are offset. Companies then pay utilities to retrofit power poles, so eagles can't be easily electrocuted. Every 11 poles retrofitted typically counts as an eagle death avoided.

Nationwide, 34 permits last year authorized companies to "take" 170 golden eagles — meaning that many birds killed by turbines or lost through impacts on nests or habitat. An Associated Press public records review shows most are wind farms.

"This sounds crass but it's realistic. Eagles are going to be incidentally killed at wind farms," said Brian Millsap, who heads the wildlife service's eagle program. "We've got to reduce other things that will allow wind energy development."

Ten PacifiCorp wind farms have permits authorizing the incidental killing of eagles, according to the company.

Company representatives said PacifiCorp's been building a "bank" of retrofitted power poles to offset eagle deaths and also wants to try new approaches such as painting turbine blades to be more visible.

"We're working as hard as we can to avoid and minimize (deaths) up front, and then anything we can't we're mitigating on the back end," said Travis Brown, a PacifiCorp biologist.

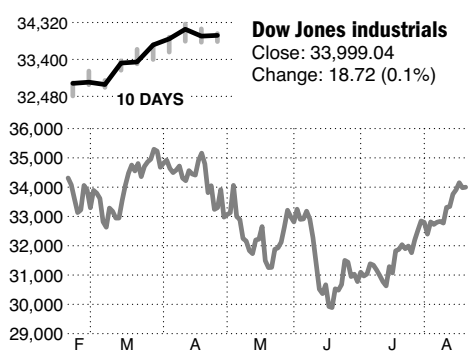
MARKET RUNDOWN

Friday, August 19, 2022

DOW **33,999.04** +18.72

10-YR T-BOND **2.89%** -.01

GOLD **$1,755.30** -5.00



Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	33,999.04	+18.72	-6.44%
DOW Trans.	15,035.34	+119.86	-8.76%
DOW Util.	1,057.22	+3.36	+7.79%
NYSE Comp.	15,763.90	+29.78	-8.16%
Nasdaq Comp.	12,965.34	+27.22	-17.13%
S&P 500	4,283.74	+9.70	-10.12%
S&P 400	2,619.93	+20.18	-7.81%
Wilshire 5000	42,814.72	+109.89	-11.65%
Russell 2000	2,000.73	+13.42	-10.89%

Commodities

FUELS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	90.50	88.11	+20.33%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	9.19	9.24	+146.33%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.03	2.93	+35.80%
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PREV.**	**YTD**
Gold (oz)	1,755.30	1,760.30	-3.95%
Silver (oz)	19.45	19.71	-16.63%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. $	U.S. $ in ForEx
Britain	1.1934	.8379
Canada	.7728	1.2939
China	.1474	6.7861
Euro	1.0090	.9910
Japan	.007358	135.91
Mexico	.049673	20.1317

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Prime rate	5.50	5.50
3-mo. T-Bill	2.66	2.61
6-mo. T-Bill	3.10	3.10
5-yr T-Note	3.02	2.93
10-yr T-Note	2.89	2.79
30-yr T-Bond	3.14	3.03

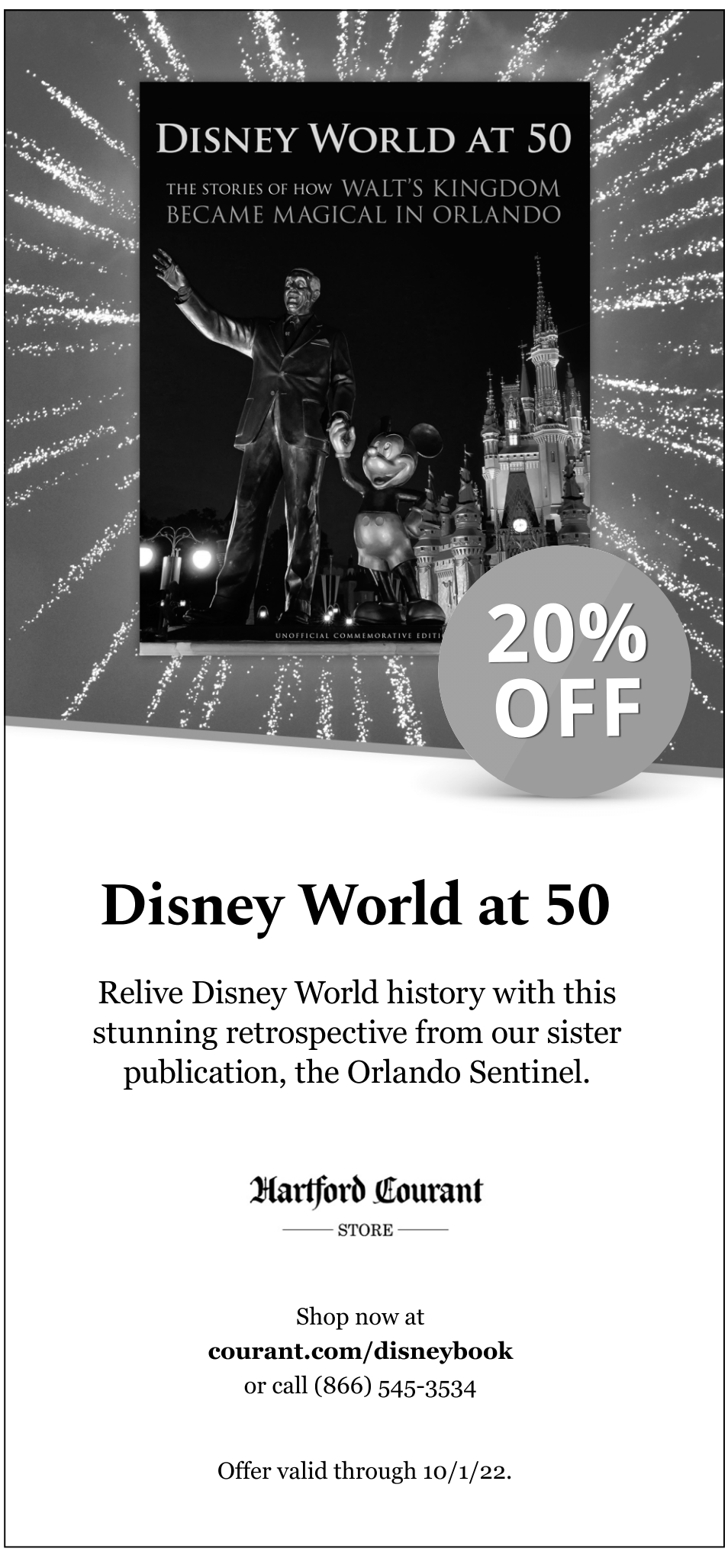
Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	13,697.41	+70.70	+.52%	-13.77%
London	7,541.85	+26.10	+.35%	+2.13%
Hong Kong	19,763.91	-158.54	-.80%	-15.53%
Nikkei	28,942.14	-280.63	-.96%	+.52%

Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	19.29	-2.07	-29.1
AT&T Inc (T)	18.43	+.01	-25.1
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	100.44	+2.17	-30.2
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	142.30	+.20	-14.6
Amphenol Corp (APH)	80.14	+.50	-8.4
Apple Inc (AAPL)	174.15	-.40	-1.9
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	51.30	-.21	+2.8
Bank of America (BAC)	36.28	-.13	-18.5
Barnes Group (B)	35.26	+.24	-24.3
Bed Bath &Beynd (BBBY)	18.55	-4.53	+27.2
Blue Water Vaccines (BWV)	4.29	-3.36	-92.5
Bluebird Bio Inc (BLUE)	5.81	-.97	-41.8
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2144.73	+15.08	-10.6
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	74.15	-.41	+18.9
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	103.64	-1.28	+.5
Carnival Corp (CCL)	10.45	-.11	-48.1
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	44.30	+.17	-18.3
Charter Communic (CHTR)	458.07	-7.21	-29.7
Cigna Corp (CI)	290.89	-.71	+26.7
Cisco Syst (CSCO)	49.37	+2.71	-22.1
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	38.61	-.65	-23.3
Curis Inc (CRIS)	1.26	+.21	-73.5
Disney (DIS)	122.67	-.14	-20.8
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	123.72	+1.52	-2.9
Eargo Inc (EAR)	2.64	-.49	-48.2
Endo Intl plc (ENDP)	.41	+.12	-89.2
Ethan Allen (ETD)	26.30	+.18	...
Eversource Energy (ES)	93.96	+.15	+3.3
Ford Motor (F)	16.15	+.12	-22.2
fuboTV Inc (FUBO)	4.77	-.59	-69.3
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	4.64	-.01	-10.8
Gen Dynamics (GD)	243.69	+1.00	+16.9
Gen Electric (GE)	79.21	-.71	-16.2
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg (DNA)	3.25	-.01	-60.9
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	69.80	+.42	+1.1
Honeywell Intl (HON)	203.72	+.94	-2.3
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	13.22	-.18	-17.0
Imperial Petroleum (IMPP)	.40	+.04	-81.3
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	19.97	-.12	-21.1
Intel Corp (INTC)	36.20	+.42	-29.7
Kaman (KAMN)	34.73	+.29	-19.5
Keycorp (KEY)	19.64	+.20	-15.1
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	50.87	+1.11	-25.5
M&T Bank (MTB)	191.18	+.46	+24.5
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	35.62	+.61	-20.6

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
MetLife Inc (MET)	68.01	+.54	+8.8
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	.81	-.03	-84.6
Neptune Wellness Sol (NEPT)	2.02	+.67	-85.9
Novartis AG (NVS)	84.92	-.30	-2.9
Nu Holdings Ltd (NU)	5.04	-.04	-46.3
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	187.73	+4.38	-36.2
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	80.41	+.12	-7.6
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	9.15	-.28	-49.8
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	48.58	-.69	-17.7
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	3.51	-.02	-47.1
Plus Therapeutics (PSTV)	.85	+.30	-19.2
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	105.42	+.85	-2.6
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	69.39	+.58	+4.0
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	94.71	+.27	+10.1
Rogers Corp (ROG)	269.35	-.15	-1.3
SS&C Technlogies (SSNC)	61.56	+.07	-24.9
Shopify Inc (SHOP)	36.86	-.44	...
Snap Inc A (SNAP)	12.56	+.47	-73.3
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	6.68	-.20	-57.7
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	7.59	+.18	+62.9
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	102.47	-.07	-45.7
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	23.91	-.21	-1.6
Tellurian Inc (TELL)	4.68	+.54	+51.9
Terex Corp (TEX)	36.91	+.34	-16.0
Travelers Cos (TRV)	174.11	+.15	+11.3
T2 Biosystems (TTOO)	.15	+.00	-71.3
Uber Technologies (UBER)	30.15	-.57	-28.1
United Rentals (URI)	323.23	-8.15	-2.7
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	545.22	+.22	+8.6
Unity Biotechnology (UBX)	.61	-.36	-58.2
Verizon Comm (VZ)	44.19	-1.15	-15.0
Vinco Ventures Inc (BBIG)	1.45	+.06	-10.5
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	219.28	+2.78	-26.2
VistaGen Therap (VTGN)	.22	+.03	-88.6
Voya Financial (VOYA)	65.24	+1.71	-1.6
Warner Bros Disc A (WBD)	13.19	-.07	-46.6
Weber Inc (WEBR)	10.00	+2.14	-22.7
Webster Financial (WBS)	49.88	+.24	-10.7
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1299.18	+4.84	+28.1
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	70.66	-1.15	+43.2
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	58.44	+.14	-24.5
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	18.99	+.40	-16.1



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You can access the Conservatory of Flowers through the walkable and bikeable JFK Promenade in Golden Gate Park. **JASON HENRY/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

Leave your heart in San Fran

New parks, art, eats, hotels await your visit to the Golden Gate City

By Lauren Sloss
The New York Times

Lately, it seems as if the news headlines from San Francisco have been negative, from the city's homelessness crisis to the area's astronomical cost-of-living and worsening fire seasons.

But San Francisco is still San Francisco. Always a city for lovers of the outdoors, pandemic restrictions led to the near-universal embrace of an indoor-outdoor city life. And at its core, the city's spirit, a heady brew of creativity, progressivism and experimentation, remains unbreakable.

San Francisco's pandemic recovery has been slower than other major metropolitan areas in the United States; according to data from the San Francisco Travel Association, forecasts for 2022 estimate 80% of 2019's visitor volume. While the downtown and Union Square neighborhoods remain quieter than pre-pandemic times, the city's singular neighborhoods, from the Mission to Russian Hill and the Outer Sunset, are vibrant with packed restaurants and bars, and many boast of new parks and events. San Francisco no longer imposes a mask mandate, but some businesses will require masks; masks are recommended on MUNI and BART, the city's public transportation systems. Many indoor events, including concerts and theater productions, require proof of vaccination to enter.

New parks and slow streets

San Francisco's wealth of green spaces has increased thanks to a trio of new parks, including the Presidio Tunnel Tops, 14 acres of new national park land hugging the city's north coast. Boasting panoramic views of the Bay, the park was designed by the same group behind New York's High Line and is home to a changing roster of food trucks, art installations and performances. For more views, check out Francisco Park in the Russian Hill neighborhood, which opened in April on the site of San Francisco's first reservoir. In the Mission Bay neighborhood, Crane Cove Park has become a warm, sunny destination for stand-up paddleboarding, kayaking and lounging since it opened in 2020.

In addition to new parks, San Francisco has become more walkable and bikeable with the pandemic-driven development of the Slow Streets program, which limits or prohibits car traffic on streets throughout the city. Destination-worthy ones include the Great Highway, which runs alongside Ocean Beach on the city's western shore and JFK Promenade in Golden Gate Park, which could be made permanently car-free in November. The 1½-mile stretch of JFK takes you past the Conservatory of Flowers and the Rose Garden, plus the Skatin' Place, where you will often find a rocking roller disco.

In-person music events

Golden Gate Park is also playing host to a number of major in-person events this year, including Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, a free, three-day music festival being held Sept. 30 to Oct. 2. This year's lineup will feature Emmylou Harris, Steve Earle and Buddy Miller. The Portola Music Festival, a new music festival from the team behind Coachella, takes place Sept. 24-25 at Pier 80, and will showcase electronic acts including Flume, James Blake, the Avalanches and M.I.A.

A new destination for contemporary art

With its opening in October, the Institute of Contemporary Art San Francisco aims to provide a fresh approach to the ways in which contemporary art should be showcased and shared. Tied to its core tenets of equity and accessibility, ICASF will have free admission and plans to showcase local artists and artists of color. Opening programming includes a solo exhibition from Jeffrey Gibson, a Choctaw-Cherokee painter and sculptor; a group exhibit curated by California artists and curators Tahirah Rasheed and Autumn Breon; and work from local artists Liz Hernandez and Ryan Whelan.

Beef short ribs at San Ho Won, a Korean barbecue spot.

Eat and drink

While undoubtedly challenging, the past two years have had a silver lining: Outdoor dining and drinking cropped up everywhere, from long-established restaurants such as Nopa to brand-new spots such as Casements, a modern Irish bar in the Mission that opened in 2020. The bar had originally planned to be a cozy, indoor-only affair, but it now serves stellar cocktails on one of the best patios in the city, complete with an outdoor semi-private space, live music, DJs and murals of Irish rock musicians.

While marquee openings are still a major part of the city's food fabric — recent ones include the opulent Palm Court Restaurant in the new RH Gallery and a new Ghirardelli Chocolate Experience store — some of the most exciting developments center on low-key projects from high-end chefs. In the Mission, Corey Lee of three Michelin-starred Benu opened San Ho Won, a Korean barbecue spot with classic dishes and riffs on tradition, such as a blood-sausage pancake and kimchi pozole. Matthew Kirk, a sous chef from Lazy Bear, opened Automat, a destination in the Western Addition for baked goods, breakfast sandwiches and burgers.

Where to stay

1 Hotel opened in San Francisco in June on the Embarcadero. The striking space features reclaimed wood and native greenery, plus a rooftop spa, chef's garden and beehives. Terrene, the hotel's restaurant, features a farm-to-table menu and a wide selection of mezcal and tequila.

LUMA, which also opened in June, is the first hotel development in the Mission Bay neighborhood. Also in June, the long-standing Sir Francis Drake Hotel in Union Square reopened as Beacon Grand with 418 guest rooms, a lobby bar and in 2023, will reopen a redesign of the famed top-floor bar, the Starlite Room.

Americans prioritize making time for travel, using more vacation days

By Donald Wood
TravelPulse

A new study found that Americans are claiming their paid vacation days and making time to travel a priority.

According to Allianz Partners USA's 14th annual Vacation Confidence Index, a majority of respondents have taken a vacation in the last year, proving that Americans have never been as steadfast about the importance of taking an annual holiday.

The survey showed 57% of Americans have taken a vacation of at least a week to a destination at least 100 miles away from home in the last year, a rise of 44% over the previous year.

The 2022 Vacation Confidence Index marks the highest percentage of Americans who reported traveling in the last year since 2009, when the survey was first conducted. Of the respondents who traveled in the previous 12 months, 22% hit the road in the three months leading up to the study, with the 18- to 34-year-old demographic's 29% leading the trend.

"Our latest Vacation Confidence Index proves that taking an annual vacation has never been more important to Americans, and we're seeing record levels of confidence that they'll travel between now and the end of the year," Allianz director of external communications Daniel Durazo said.

"Instead of banking those PTO days, Americans are viewing their vacation time as a much-needed getaway to support their mental health," he said.

The survey found that 74% of Americans consider an annual vacation important, a leap from 60% in 2019 and 1% higher than last year. Another 65% expressed intentions to vacation, up 2% from last year and 13% over the highest previous year surveyed (52% in 2014).

Allianz revealed that 57% of Americans have vacationed for at least a week in the last year. **DREAMSTIME**

Ireland's starkly beautiful Aran Islands

Rick Steves

At the Iron Age fortress of Dun Aengus, the dramatic west cliffs of Ireland meet the turbulent sea as Europe comes to an abrupt end. **PAT O'CONNOR**

I spent the day walking on Inishmore. It's one of the weather- and wave-beaten Aran Islands which, on a blustery day, seem to be gulping seawater off the west coast of Ireland. Locals, keenly aware that they're on the west fringe of Europe, are fond of saying, "The next parish over's Boston." An elfish, black-clad farmer, determined to make the most of a break in the clouds, invites me to help him turn his hay. Drying in the breeze, it's destined to become a hearty salad for his cows.

We talk. It's what you do in Ireland. I ask him if he was born here. Thoughtfully and slowly, as if reviewing his many years, he answers, "No, 'twas 'bout 5 miles down the road." Later I asked him if he had lived here all his life. A smile ignites his weathered face as he says, "Not yet."

The Aran Islands are a 10-minute flight or two-hour ferry ride from Galway, the main town on Ireland's west coast. Three limestone islands make up the Aran Islands: Inishmore, Inishmaan and Inisheer. The "largest" is Inishmore — 9 miles of land with one sleepy town, a few farming hamlets and a weather-beaten charm.

The other islands, Inishmaan and Inisheer, are smaller, much less populated and less touristy. For most, the big island is quiet enough. Inishmore — and the Aran Islands as a whole — has only one real town, Kilronan. It's actually more like a village, with groups of backpackers washing ashore with the landing of each ferry.

The community allows no more than 100 vehicles on Inishmore. Many of them seem to be minibuses. A line of buses awaits the ferry's arrival, offering convenient island tours with stops at all the major sights for about $20. Bike shops and a few men in pony carts sop up the remaining tourists, who often return from tours to browse through the few shops and enjoy a pint of Guinness on a picnic table outside a pub.

The landscape of all three islands is harsh: steep, rugged cliffs and windswept, rocky fields divided by stone walls. But there's a stark beauty about these blustery islands and the simple lives its inhabitants eke out of a few inches of topsoil and a mean sea.

Like the rest of Ireland, Inishmore has a mysterious history. The island's famous Iron Age fortress, Dun Aengus, is the most impressive of its kind in all of Europe. Little is known about this 2,000-year-old Celtic fort. The stone fortress hangs spectacularly and precariously on the edge of a cliff 300 feet above the Atlantic. (There's no fence, only a sheer drop-off.) For 20 centuries angry waves have battered away at its black foundation. While the next parish over may indeed be Boston, the crashing waves seem to declare, "This is the end of the world."

Close to the western tip of the island is the "Seven Churches," a historic but visually unimpressive gathering of ruined chapels, monastic houses and fragments of a high cross dating from the 8th to 11th century. Here, as throughout Inishmore, the land is dotted with reminders of the island's early Christianity. Some honor St. Enda, who established a monastery here and taught great monks who followed in his footsteps. These "Irish apostles" started Ireland's "Age of Saints and Scholars" (500 to 900 A.D.) — an Irish golden age of learning, literature and flourishing religious arts. It was during this time that stonemasons created the distinctive and stylistic crosses so iconic of early Ireland, and leaders such as Charlemagne on the nearly illiterate continent of Europe imported Irish monks to be their scribes.

The stones of Inishmore tell this community's story. This tiny island, which looks like alligator skin from the air, is a maze of stone fences. Poor people cleared the stony land to make it arable. Turning my farmer friend's hay, I ponder how, with an unrivaled colonial mix of greed and cleverness, the British required Irish families to divide their land among all their sons. This doomed even the largest estates to fragmentation, shrinking lots to sizes just large enough to starve a family. Ultimately, of course, the land had to be sold, ending up in the possession of British absentee landlords. The tiny rock-fenced lots that carve up the treeless landscape still remind the farmers of the structural poverty that shaped their history.

The islands are still a Gaeltacht, or Gaelic-language, area. While the locals speak Irish among themselves, they happily speak English for their visitors. Many of them have direct, personal connections with America. You feel that, standing with new friends on the edge of their island, as they stare west and whisper, "Aye, the shores of Americay."

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CELEBRITY TRAVEL

Lowndes 'lucky' she is able to travel a lot

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency

Canadian singer-actor Jessica Lowndes said her hometown of Vancouver can't be beat. **AMANDA MAE/TCA**

Jessica Lowndes got to show off her singing prowess on the CW series "90210." The singer-actor is excited about the release of her solo album "ELEMENTAL," which will be available Friday. "My travels have exposed me to a lot of new music and introduced me to some of my favorite musicians, including some of my collaborators on my new album," said Lowndes, who splits her time between Los Angeles and Vancouver. "At one point, we were all working on the album over Zoom from different countries — Canada, United States, United Kingdom, (Denmark)."

Q: This pandemic has made everyone think differently about how we spend our free time. What have you been up to?
A: I think for me, it has been a time to really appreciate the incredible people in my life and spend quality time with them and my family. I have taken a few short road trips. I spend a ton of time up in Whistler, which is a short drive away from Vancouver. I also recently spent a month in Costa Rica this year working remotely, which was an unbelievable experience. Nothing like screenwriting and writing music from the jungle with monkeys on the balcony.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?
A: It's impossible to just pick one. I'm lucky to get to travel a lot and I fall in love with most of the places I visit. They usually inspire songs or locations for scenes in the films that I write. I love Europe so much. I especially love London. Some of my favorite people on the planet live there. If you're planning on visiting, you must go to Hummingbird Bakery and try one of their red velvet cupcakes. They are my absolute favorite.

Q: What untapped destination should people know about?
A: I think Vancouver. I love it and found so many beautiful places there to film the visual album of "ELEMENTAL." From the scenic views of the ocean, to the North Shore mountains, to the forests, Vancouver is just so clean and green. I love going on adventures. I love being able to drive to the snow in a heartbeat. I also really love the laid-back lifestyle in Vancouver and the people. It's a lot slower-paced than LA but still has all the excitement of a major city. Even though I'm from there, my jaw drops whenever I take in the stunning scenery.

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?
A: Hawaii! It's like heaven on earth. Beautiful white sand beaches, wonderful people and majestic mountains. I love the laid-back island culture and aloha spirit.

Q: Where have you filmed on location?
A: I've filmed in a lot of places. There are so many beautiful parts of British Columbia — a ton of photogenic areas and locations that just made it easy to fall in love with my city all over again. I also filmed a movie in Malta last year and really loved learning all about its incredible history. Malta is home to some of the oldest temples in the world. It has a great balance of culture, adventure and beaches. The city as a backdrop to the film was a prop within itself. The pros of filming on location would be the understanding and appreciation you're left with for different cultures. Exploring somewhere new also makes your downtime and weekends off a lot more fun.

Q: What would be your dream trip?
A: Anywhere with the right people, but I've never been to the Amalfi Coast. I actually just wrote a movie that takes place there so I'm very excited to film that one on location next year.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Can I get a refund after American Queen shifts COVID-19 protocols

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: My husband and I have a cruise scheduled to depart this month on the American Empress from Vancouver, Washington, to Clarkston, Washington. I logged onto the cruise line's website to check the COVID protocols, including required PCR tests and facemasks. When we booked the cruise, my husband and I thoroughly reviewed the procedures in place. We felt comfortable and felt that the overall standards were excellent.
However, I was shocked to see how reduced the standards have become. A PCR test was no longer required, and only antigen tests would be given before boarding. Proof of vaccinations (not booster shots) were mandatory. But, social distancing and masks were no longer required.
I immediately reached out to our travel agent, who was equally surprised. She promised to call me back. I am still waiting to hear back from her. In the meantime, I contacted our doctor for his advice with the reduced protocols. He sent us a letter strongly advising us not to participate in the cruise, especially with the increased number of cases at the moment.
I also contacted our travel insurance, but our company said we could file a claim if we had a reason to not receive a vaccination. My husband and I are both vaccinated.
American Queen, the cruise line, will keep 100% of our cruise fare if we cancel now. But, the cruise line changed its protocol without any notification. And the company's present protocols are lesser than the other major cruise lines'. Could you help us either get our money back, or a cruise credit?
— Patricia Voorhees Furlong, Lebanon, Pennsylvania

A: I can understand your reasons for canceling your cruise. Your health is more important than any vacation. But is American Queen required to refund your cruise when it changes its COVID-19 requirements?

Before I answer, I wanted to clarify the timeline on this. Your cruise was scheduled for May 2022, when cases were rising again, but many cruise lines had loosened their masking and social-distancing requirements.

American Queen doesn't address health and safety requirements in its passenger ticket contract, which serves as the legal agreement between you and the company.

That means it can make a change like adding or removing a mask requirement, and it owes passengers nothing. American Queen could keep your money.

But, I don't think it should. COVID-19 turned everything upside down. Passengers made some concessions to cruise lines — and vice versa. American Queen should show a little understanding and offer you either a refund or a voucher for a future cruise.

Also, I think you bought the wrong insurance for your circumstances. If you had a "cancel for any reason" policy, you could have canceled and received between 50% and 75% of your prepaid, nonrefundable expenses. You had a less expensive Named Perils policy, which wouldn't allow you to cancel and get your money back.

I contacted American Queen. The company offered you vouchers that are valid for the next two years. The company has also refunded your port fees.

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CELEBRITIES

Hill reveals years of anxiety attacks

From news services

Jonah Hill says he will no longer promote projects in person to avoid anxiety attacks. MATTHIAS NAREYEK/GETTY 2019

Actor Jonah Hill says he will no longer promote his upcoming projects in person to avoid anxiety attacks he often experiences at such events.

Hill, 38, revealed in an open letter Wednesday that he has suffered from anxiety attacks for nearly two decades and is stepping back from what appears to be the trigger. But he's not retiring; he just won't be out promoting his second directorial film "Stutz," a documentary about him and his therapist that explores mental health and features candid discussions about his own experiences.

"The whole purpose of making this film is to give therapy and the tools I've learned in therapy to a wide audience for private use through an entertaining film," Hill said in an open letter, first published Wednesday by Deadline. "Through this journey of self-discovery within the film, I have come to the understanding that I have spent nearly 20 years experiencing anxiety attacks, which are exacerbated by media appearances and public-facing events."

The Oscar-nominated actor, who launched to stardom with the raunchy comedies "Knocked Up" and "Superbad" in the 2000s, said that he's retreating from public appearances related to his work to protect himself.

Heche's death ruled accidental: Actor Anne Heche died from inhalation injury and burns after her fiery car crash, and the death was ruled an accident, according to coroner's results released Wednesday. Heche, 53, also had a fractured sternum caused by "blunt trauma," according to information on the website of the Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner.

The actor was removed from life support Sunday. She was injured when her car jumped a curb and smashed into a West Los Angeles home on Aug. 5. The car and the home burst into flames. Heche suffered a "severe anoxic brain injury" caused by a lack of oxygen, according to a statement released last week. She was declared brain-dead but was kept on life support until her organs could be donated.

A$AP Rocky pleads not guilty to charges: Rapper A$AP Rocky has pleaded not guilty to felony assault with a firearm charges stemming from a 2021 confrontation in Hollywood. The rapper, whose legal name is Rakim Athelaston Mayers, is accused of drawing a gun and firing it twice in the direction of a former friend during an argument in Hollywood in November 2021. He pleaded not guilty Wednesday to two counts of assault with a semiautomatic firearm and was ordered to return to court Nov. 2.

LL Cool J, Minaj, Harlow to emcee VMAs: The MTV Video Music Awards will have three emcees, with rap stars LL Cool J, Nicki Minaj and Jack Harlow all set to anchor the ceremony. They'll introduce and present the Moon Person trophies alongside the performers on Aug. 28. Harlow, Lil Nas X and Kendrick Lamar are tied for the most nominations with seven. Harry Styles and Doja Cat received the second most nods with six.

Aug. 19 birthdays: Actor Debra Paget is 89. Actor Jill St. John is 82. Actor Jim Carter is 74. Bassist John Deacon is 71. Actor Peter Gallagher is 67. Actor Adam Arkin is 66. Actor John Stamos is 59. Actor Kyra Sedgwick is 57. Actor Kevin Dillon is 57. Actor Matthew Perry is 53. Actor Tracie Thoms is 47. Rapper Romeo is 33.

ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Long-ago infidelity leads to a bizarre twist

Dear Amy: I was married in 1990. My wife and I had a daughter together.

In 1999 I found out my wife was cheating, and so I ended the marriage. Our daughter was 5 years old when we split.

Now — all these years later, my daughter called and said that she wants to "meet her brother."

I was shocked and said, "What?!"

"Yeah," she said, "Mom told me that you have a son with a woman." Um, 100 percent not true.

I'm pretty sure that my ex told our daughter this so that I would look like the bad person that caused our divorce.

I want to ask my ex why she did this, and tell her that she needs to talk to our daughter and tell her the truth, or I will.

My relationship with my daughter was great, and then it started to change.

It occurs to me that this is probably the reason why.

What should I do?

— *Wondering Dad*

Dear Dad: Your former wife's infidelity led to the ending of your marriage.

You shielded your young daughter from the truth during her childhood, perhaps to protect and preserve your privacy, as well as her relationship with her mother.

She is an adult now. At this point the truth behind your breakup has taken on some bizarre characteristics.

Do NOT say to your ex: "Either you tell the truth, or I will."

Don't trust your ex with any version of this story. Her lie is profound and hurtful; don't tempt her to embellish further or to put her own spin on these long-ago events.

Tell your daughter the truth. Don't relitigate decades-old hurts. Just tell her the truth and answer questions she might have.

Dear Amy: A few years ago, I was ghosted by a friend. I asked what was wrong, but received no reply.

I have a suspicion as to the reason, which is based upon a slanderous falsehood that she was told about me.

This still bothers me, both because of the lie and the way that I was so abruptly dropped.

Should I just accept it and move on, or should I try to find out for sure why I was ghosted by contacting my now ex-friend?

— *Ghosted and Confused*

Dear Ghosted: You've already asked your ex-friend why she pulled away. Don't ask again.

You have also tried to accept this and have not been able to.

I vote for the truth.

This person is already ghosting you. Bottom line, she will probably continue, no matter what.

You have one shot at this, so make it good.

Write exactly what your suspicions are. You have the right and the duty to correct the record regarding this "slanderous falsehood." You could also state that the way she chose to handle this hurt you then, and continues to bother you. Doing this will help you to move on. And you should move on.

Dear Amy: A reader questioned why people investigate their DNA and then contact biological family members — implying that people who do this don't know that the family they were raised in is their "real family."

I am adopted and in my eyes my parents are the ones who raised me. Their family is my family.

I did DNA testing to find out more about myself.

I did contact people on both biological sides and was met with open arms.

What this contact has given me is the ability to fill out medical forms correctly. I no longer need to write "adopted" in my family medical history.

I now know that I need to make sure to get testing because of the cancer history of my biological father.

I've gained siblings I never knew about.

My brother (also adopted but with different birth parents) now knows about his family medical history, including extensive cardiac history. Although he was met with a different outcome in terms of reunion with biological family members, he has no regrets.

Not all adopted children are looking for relationships with our biological family, but we are looking to fill in the blanks and understand ourselves better.

— *Adopted in Louisiana*

Dear Adopted: In terms of filling in these blanks, DNA testing has been a gift. It is every person's right to know their biological history.

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Actor says self-love at core of 'Never Have I Ever' season 3

By Kate Feldman
New York Daily News

Maitreyi Ramakrishnan in "Never Have I Ever." NETFLIX

Devi, the teen girl at the center of "Never Have I Ever," seems to have everything she wants at the start of the third season. But she doesn't.

The Mindy Kaling-created series, which recently returned to Netflix, picks up with junior year at Sherman Oaks High School with SATs and college admissions looming. Devi has her unfairly hot boyfriend, Paxton (Darren Barnet), on her arm, but it's not enough.

Maitreyi Ramakrishnan, the actor who plays her, knows that 17 is too young to figure out the rest of your life.

"Season one, the core of it was grief," Ramakrishnan, 20, says of the show about an Indian American teen grappling with the death of her father. "Season two of it, the core was mental health. I think the core of Season 3 would be self-love.

"All the characters are going through these journeys where they have to really face who they are and accept themselves as they are and stand up for themselves," adds Ramakrishnan, who was cast by Kaling out of an open call of 15,000 actors.

Those other characters include Devi's best friends Eleanor (Ramona Young) and Fabiola (Lee Rodriguez) and sworn enemy Ben (Jaren Lewison).

"For Devi, a lot of (her journey) is figuring out what she likes, what she doesn't like and recognizing that she has to be OK in her own skin," Ramakrishnan said. "She has to be comfortable as herself."

That's easier said than done. And for the often neurotic teen who has been known to spiral to epic proportions, the hot boyfriend-related whispers of "out of her league" and "pity date" in the school hallway are too much for Devi.

"Because she's not comfortable in her own skin, in the beginning at least, and because she's not strong and confident in who she is as a person, she's not able to be in that relationship with ease and a sense of calmness," Ramakrishnan said. "She's always on edge, and she doesn't feel like she's worthy of that relationship, which couldn't be further from the truth."

For the Canadian actor, that has always been the appeal of "Never Have I Ever" — that these feelings of insecurity and queasiness that Devi and her friends have are the same ones most people have had at one point.

"Despite all her shenanigans and everything she puts the other characters through, as much as you might cringe while watching it, I think the reason why we like Devi is because she's just one big mirror," Ramakrishnan said. "She's doing things we've all done, she's thinking things we've all thought, she's feeling things that we all feel, and it's sort of nice to know we don't feel those feelings alone in our minds."

It's not all about boys, even as the girls remain obsessed with losing their virginities. School and the fight for valedictorian hangs over Devi's head. That means college applications and carefully cultivated extracurriculars.

It also means the end of her childhood, especially at home, where Devi's mother Nalani (Poorna Jagannathan), cousin Kamala (Richa Moorjani) and grandmother (Ranjita Chakravarty) have done their best to close ranks after her father's sudden death.

Devi's relationship with her mom in particular has always been fraught, in the way that mothers and daughters always are but also in the way that immigrant mothers and daughters are, Ramakrishnan stressed. Nalani, like Devi, also feels uncomfortable, but in her country rather than her own body. Suddenly a single mom with a teenage daughter, life is a struggle for her too.

"Never Have I Ever" falls into the young adult category because of its teen stars, but that's putting it in a box, Ramakrishnan said. YA isn't just about first crushes and acne.

"You don't come of age just at 16, 17, 18," she says. "You continue to come of age into adulthood and beyond."

HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

Aries (March 21-April 19): The threat of an authority figure's disapproval might lurk in the background. You could benefit from a look at whether confronting this person is actually as urgent as you think. Don't drag yourself down with them unnecessarily.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You might feel an itch to align your home life with your ideals. However, your attempts are likely to frustrate you now. Pushing the people in your domestic sphere to bend to your will could provoke them to rebel. Try appreciating what's already going well for you. That mindset can help you get even more.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Conversations can become uncomfortable today. This is especially true if you're talking about personal matters. Remembering how you experience your own sore spots can guide your approach. Be aware, however, that the microscope could get turned back on you.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Someone in your network could act entitled to something of yours today. They may not be direct enough to state this request out loud, which is likely to make the situation all the stickier. You might as well defend your turf. After all, you wouldn't be saying anything disagreeable!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): An authority figure might have some impulsive demands at the moment. You may feel that there's no end to the tasks this person expects you to complete. Perhaps you have some leverage. Insist that they respect your limits. What else can they do?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Expressing yourself in a truly transformative way is possible now. You may be reacting against negative experiences you've had with a judgment-filled political or spiritual philosophy that's quick to condemn and slow to ask questions. Do what's necessary to cultivate a safe audience for yourself.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You could want to embrace the optimistic attitude of your peers today. However, you wonder how the possibilities they see are realistic — life experiences have taught you to be skeptical. Though spoiling the mood may not make you popular, be willing to dig deep for everyone's benefit.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may be especially concerned with presenting a positive public image now. What you say in private could be very different. Sometimes there's no way around a discrepancy of this sort. If the gap is too big, consider making a change in a relationship of yours.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An exotic trip or course of study is calling, even if you think you can't afford it. Perhaps you have more financial assets than you thought. As you're looking high and low, you might discover surprising opportunities. Be open to broadening your horizons in ways that aren't obvious.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may want to portray a strong and silent image at this point, but your private life could make that tricky. Your instinctive assessment of events is likely on the right track — the heart of the matter is probably less complicated than all the drama surrounding it. Trust your gut!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your efforts to build a new relationship could be in limbo. Even if things are coming together in an encouraging way, the vibe might still be off. Perhaps you just bring out the worst in each other without it really being anyone's fault. Know when to cut your losses.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Facing problems in your social life might intimidate you. You may feel like your peers are impossible to please, holding you to unspoken standards so you're always falling short. Ask them directly what they want you to do. It could relieve tension more than you expect.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Aug. 19, A.D. 14, Caesar Augustus, Rome's first emperor, died at age 76 after a reign lasting four decades; he was succeeded by his stepson Tiberius.

In 1848, the New York Herald reported the discovery of gold in California.

In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

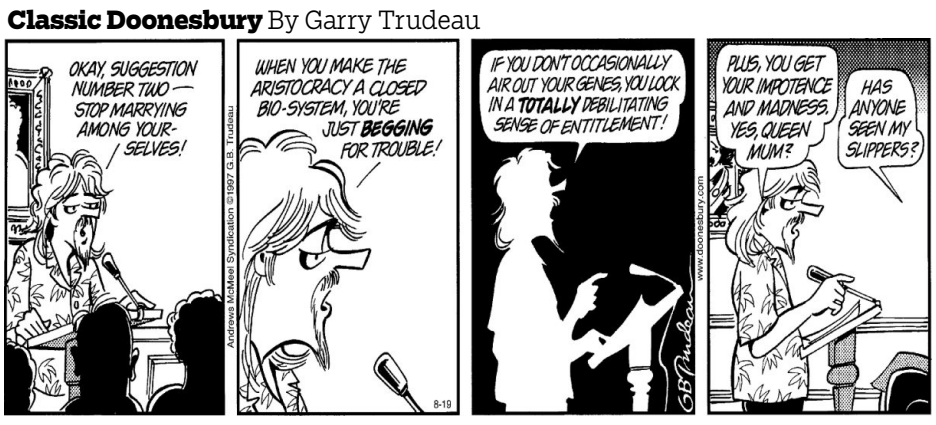
In 1960, a tribunal in Moscow convicted American U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers of espionage. (Although sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, Powers was returned to the United States in 1962 as part of a prisoner exchange.)

In 2020, Kamala Harris accepted the Democratic nomination for vice president, cementing her place in history as the first Black woman on a major party ticket. **Also:** Apple became the first U.S. company to boast a market value of $2 trillion.

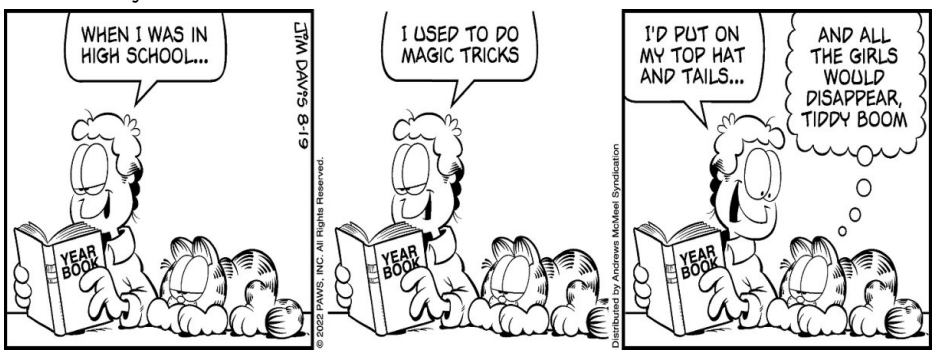
Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

HEY, STUPID CAT WHO LIVES NEXT DOOR...
MY BROTHER SPIKE HAS BEEN LIVING WITH THE COYOTES! PRETTY SOON, I'M GONNA SEND HIM OVER TO PUNCH YOU OUT!! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT?
RIP!!
MAYBE I SHOULD SEND OVER THE COYOTES

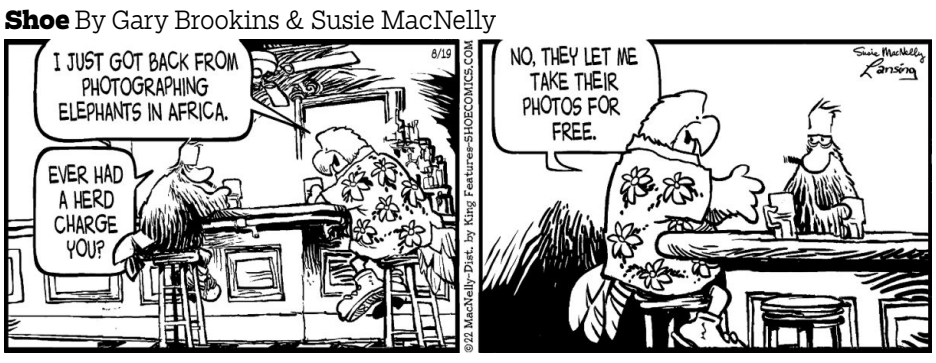
Classic Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau


OKAY, SUGGESTION NUMBER TWO — STOP MARRYING AMONG YOURSELVES!
WHEN YOU MAKE THE ARISTOCRACY A CLOSED BIO-SYSTEM, YOU'RE JUST BEGGING FOR TROUBLE!
IF YOU DON'T OCCASIONALLY AIR OUT YOUR GENES, YOU LOCK IN A TOTALLY DEBILITATING SENSE OF ENTITLEMENT!
PLUS, YOU GET YOUR IMPOTENCE AND MADNESS. YES, QUEEN MUM?
HAS ANYONE SEEN MY SLIPPERS?

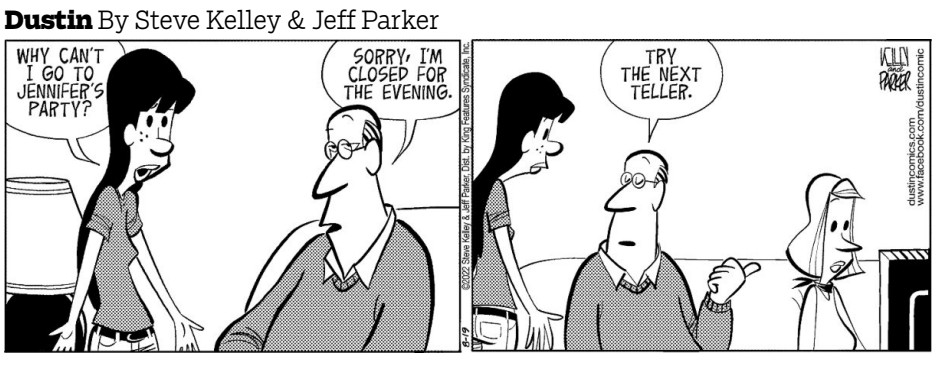
Garfield By Jim Davis


WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL...
I USED TO DO MAGIC TRICKS
I'D PUT ON MY TOP HAT AND TAILS...
AND ALL THE GIRLS WOULD DISAPPEAR, TIDDY BOOM
YEAR BOOK

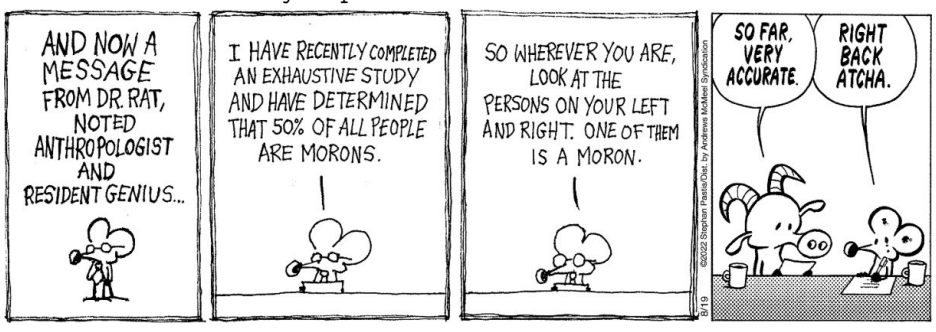
Shoe By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly


I JUST GOT BACK FROM PHOTOGRAPHING ELEPHANTS IN AFRICA.
EVER HAD A HERD CHARGE YOU?
NO, THEY LET ME TAKE THEIR PHOTOS FOR FREE.

Dustin By Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker



Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis


AND NOW A MESSAGE FROM DR. RAT, NOTED ANTHROPOLOGIST AND RESIDENT GENIUS...
I HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED AN EXHAUSTIVE STUDY AND HAVE DETERMINED THAT 50% OF ALL PEOPLE ARE MORONS.
SO WHEREVER YOU ARE, LOOK AT THE PERSONS ON YOUR LEFT AND RIGHT. ONE OF THEM IS A MORON.
SO FAR, VERY ACCURATE.
RIGHT BACK ATCHA.

Mutts By Patrick McDonnell

SO WHAT DID YOU LEARN IN ANGER MANAGEMENT CLASS, CRABBY?
TO TRY MY BEST TO AVOID SITUATIONS THAT MIGHT ANNOY ME.
AND HOW DID THAT WORK?
GREAT!
I QUIT GOING TO CLASS.
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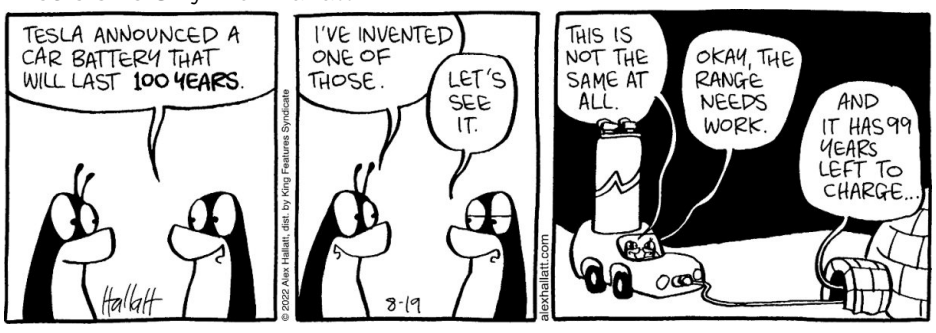
Arctic Circle By Alex Hallatt


TESLA ANNOUNCED A CAR BATTERY THAT WILL LAST 100 YEARS.
I'VE INVENTED ONE OF THOSE.
LET'S SEE IT.
THIS IS NOT THE SAME AT ALL.
OKAY, THE RANGE NEEDS WORK.
AND IT HAS 99 YEARS LEFT TO CHARGE...
Hallatt
alexhallatt.com

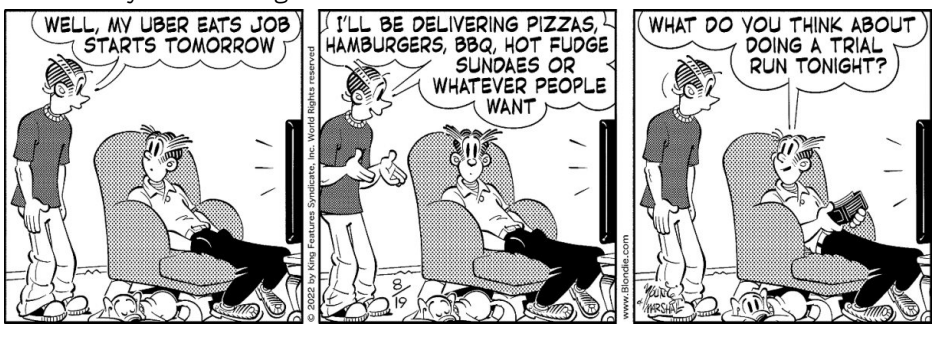
Jump Start By Robb Armstrong

NO! YOUR BROTHER CANNOT EXCHANGE VOWS WITH NICOLE!
HE DID IT WHEN I WON THE HEISMAN!
IT WAS A BAD IDEA THEN, TOO! COME ON, MARCUS! YOU ONLY HAVE TO SAY TWO WORDS!
WHAT IF I TOTALLY CLAM UP?!
DID YOU "CLAM UP" ON THAT JUMBOTRON?!
IG: robbtarmstrong

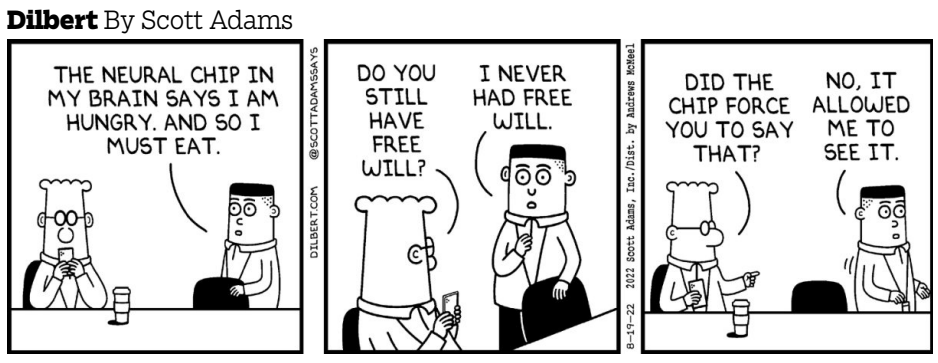
Get Fuzzy By Darby Conley

HIYA, STEVE!
STEVE?
YO! STEVE KATT!
OH. HELLO. I HAVE BIG NEWS. I DON'T THINK "STEVE" IS STICKING. I THINK I HAVE TO GO BY SOMETHING ELSE.
HOLD ON. YOU'RE NOT STEVE? WHO ARE YOU, THEN, ROB OR SATCHEL?

Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall


WELL, MY UBER EATS JOB STARTS TOMORROW
I'LL BE DELIVERING PIZZAS, HAMBURGERS, BBQ, HOT FUDGE SUNDAES OR WHATEVER PEOPLE WANT
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT DOING A TRIAL RUN TONIGHT?
www.Blondie.com

Dilbert By Scott Adams


THE NEURAL CHIP IN MY BRAIN SAYS I AM HUNGRY. AND SO I MUST EAT.
DO YOU STILL HAVE FREE WILL?
I NEVER HAD FREE WILL.
DID THE CHIP FORCE YOU TO SAY THAT?
NO, IT ALLOWED ME TO SEE IT.
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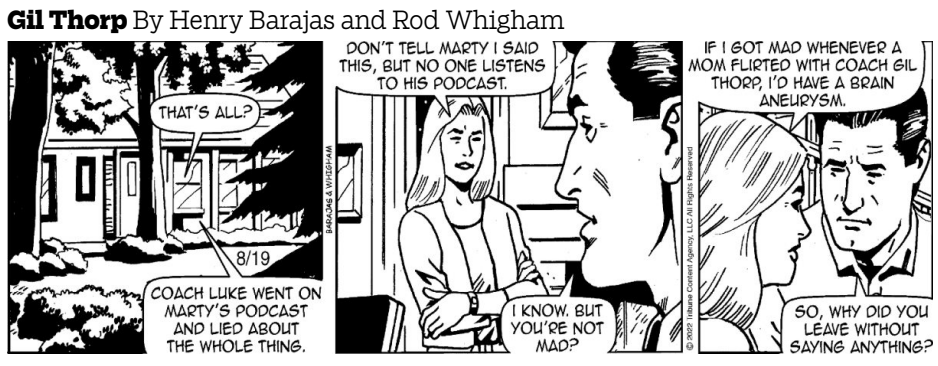
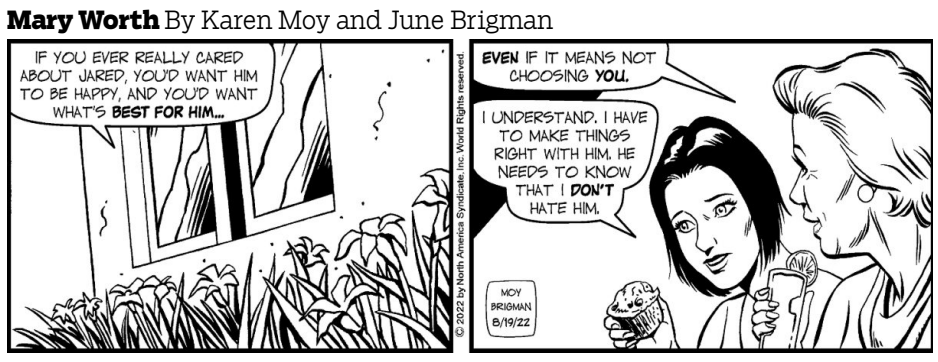
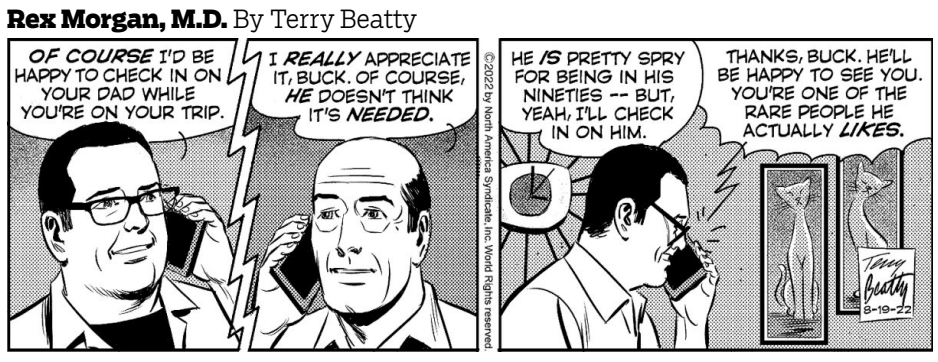
Gil Thorp By Henry Barajas and Rod Whigham


THAT'S ALL?
8/19
COACH LUKE WENT ON MARTY'S PODCAST AND LIED ABOUT THE WHOLE THING.
DON'T TELL MARTY I SAID THIS, BUT NO ONE LISTENS TO HIS PODCAST.
I KNOW. BUT YOU'RE NOT MAD?
IF I GOT MAD WHENEVER A MOM FLIRTED WITH COACH GIL THORP, I'D HAVE A BRAIN ANEURYSM.
SO, WHY DID YOU LEAVE WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING?

Mary Worth By Karen Moy and June Brigman


IF YOU EVER REALLY CARED ABOUT JARED, YOU'D WANT HIM TO BE HAPPY, AND YOU'D WANT WHAT'S BEST FOR HIM...
EVEN IF IT MEANS NOT CHOOSING YOU.
I UNDERSTAND. I HAVE TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT WITH HIM. HE NEEDS TO KNOW THAT I DON'T HATE HIM.
MOY BRIGMAN 8/19/22

Rex Morgan, M.D. By Terry Beatty


OF COURSE I'D BE HAPPY TO CHECK IN ON YOUR DAD WHILE YOU'RE ON YOUR TRIP.
I REALLY APPRECIATE IT, BUCK. OF COURSE, HE DOESN'T THINK IT'S NEEDED.
HE IS PRETTY SPRY FOR BEING IN HIS NINETIES -- BUT, YEAH, I'LL CHECK IN ON HIM.
THANKS, BUCK. HE'LL BE HAPPY TO SEE YOU. YOU'RE ONE OF THE RARE PEOPLE HE ACTUALLY LIKES.
Terry Beatty 8-19-22

Judge Parker By Woody Wilson and Mike Manley

I'M JUST SO HAPPY FOR YOU!!!
DO I GET TO BE IN THE WEDDING PARTY?! CAN I READ A POEM?! OOO, WHAT IF I GIVE THE FIRST TOAST?!
RONNIE---
WE'LL FIGURE THIS ALL OUT SHORTLY, NEDDY.
MARCIULIANO + MANLEY 8/19

Baldo By Cantu and Castellanos

THE START OF ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR.
TIME FOR SOME TOUGH DECISIONS.
HOW MANY HOURS DO I STUDY?
DO I SHOOT FOR STRAIGHT A's?
IS MY HAIR STILL COOL?
C'MON, BALDO! YOU'VE BEEN IN THERE FOR 2 HOURS!
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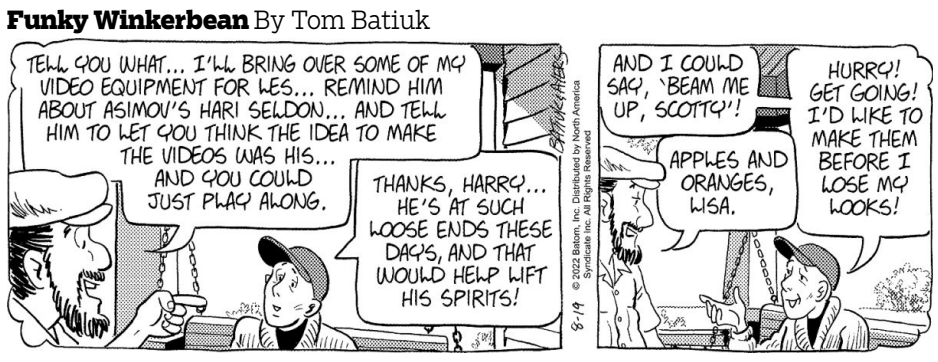
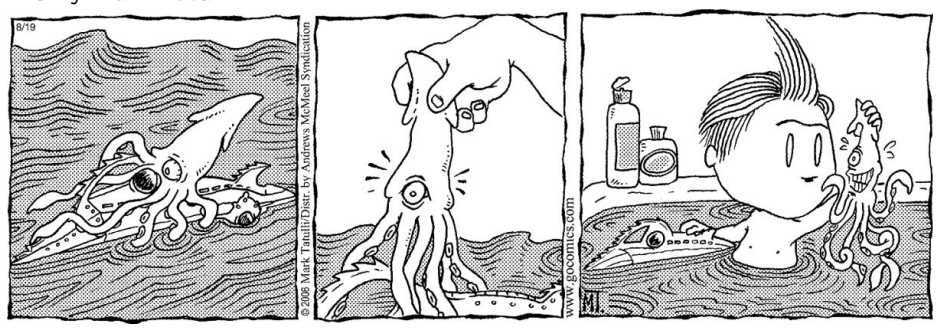
Funky Winkerbean By Tom Batiuk


TELL YOU WHAT... I'LL BRING OVER SOME OF MY VIDEO EQUIPMENT FOR LES... REMIND HIM ABOUT ASIMOV'S HARI SELDON... AND TELL HIM TO LET YOU THINK THE IDEA TO MAKE THE VIDEOS WAS HIS... AND YOU COULD JUST PLAY ALONG.
THANKS, HARRY... HE'S AT SUCH LOOSE ENDS THESE DAYS, AND THAT WOULD HELP LIFT HIS SPIRITS!
AND I COULD SAY, 'BEAM ME UP, SCOTTY'!
APPLES AND ORANGES, LISA.
HURRY! GET GOING! I'D LIKE TO MAKE THEM BEFORE I LOSE MY LOOKS!

Lio By Mark Tatulli



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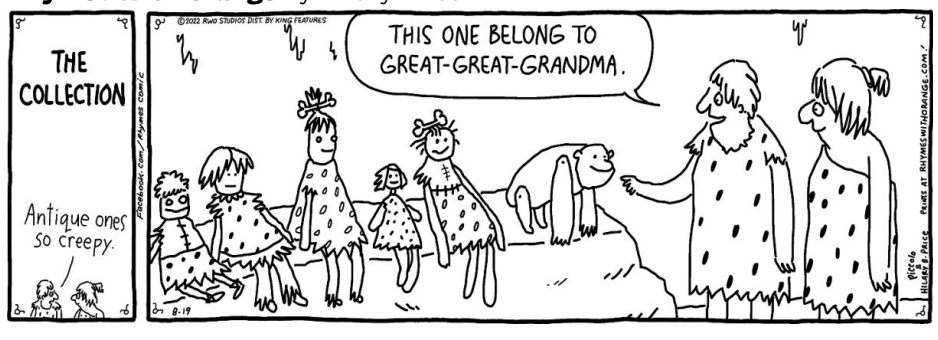

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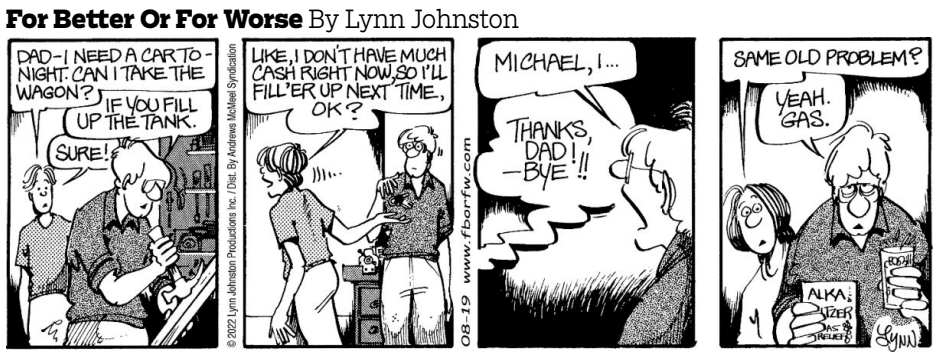
DAD-I NEED A CAR TONIGHT. CAN I TAKE THE WAGON?
IF YOU FILL UP THE TANK.
SURE!
LIKE, I DON'T HAVE MUCH CASH RIGHT NOW, SO I'LL FILL'ER UP NEXT TIME., OK?
MICHAEL, I...
THANKS, DAD! -BYE!!
SAME OLD PROBLEM?
YEAH. GAS.
ALKA-SELTZER
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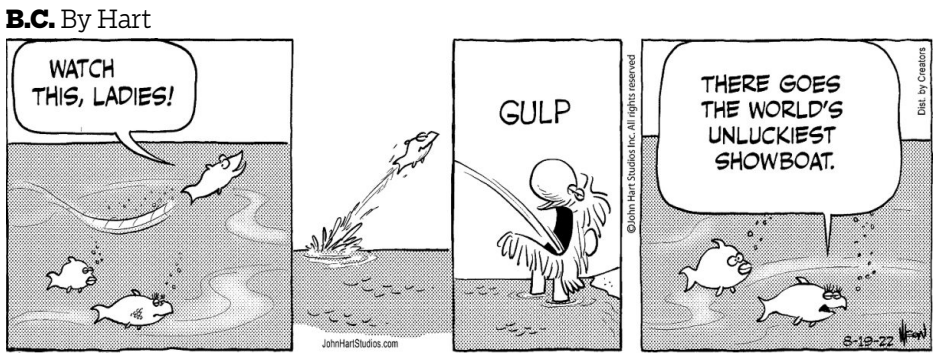
B.C. By Hart



Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker

THAT WAS GOOD. READY FOR DESSERT?
I'M FULL
YOU'RE SKIPPING DESSERT?
I DIDN'T SAY THAT
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GREG + MORT WALKER
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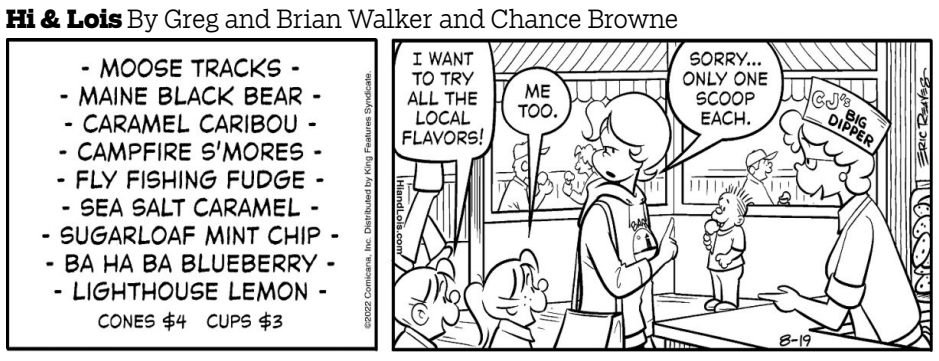
Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne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- SUGARLOAF MINT CHIP -
- BA HA BA BLUEBERRY -
- LIGHTHOUSE LEMON -
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I WANT TO TRY ALL THE LOCAL FLAVORS!
ME TOO.
SORRY... ONLY ONE SCOOP EACH.
CJ's BIG DIPPER
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Hagar The Horrible By Chris Browne

WHAT'S IT LIKE BEING MARRIED TO A JESTER?
THERE ARE LAUGHS EVERY DAY!
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BUT I'VE LEARNED TO IGNORE THEM!
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BROWNE

Non Sequitur By Wiley Miller

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Curtis By Ray Billingsley

CURTIS, CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
SURE, GUNK
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE SEEN EACH OTHER. DO YOU REMEMBER MY REAL NAME?
YES...GLADIMUS UMFRED NOSTRADAMUS KLAUSTAUVICKE
LIKE SITTING ON A BEEHIVE, YOU NEVER FORGET IT!
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Pickles By Brian Crane

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE, OPAL?
I'M PUTTING STICKERS ON ALL MY BELONGINGS SAYING WHOM I WANT THEM TO GO TO AFTER I'M GONE.
AH...GOOD IDEA. ARE YOU GOING TO PUT ONE ON ME, TOO? HA HA HA!
WHEN'S THE LAST TIME YOU CHECKED THE BACK OF YOUR HEAD?
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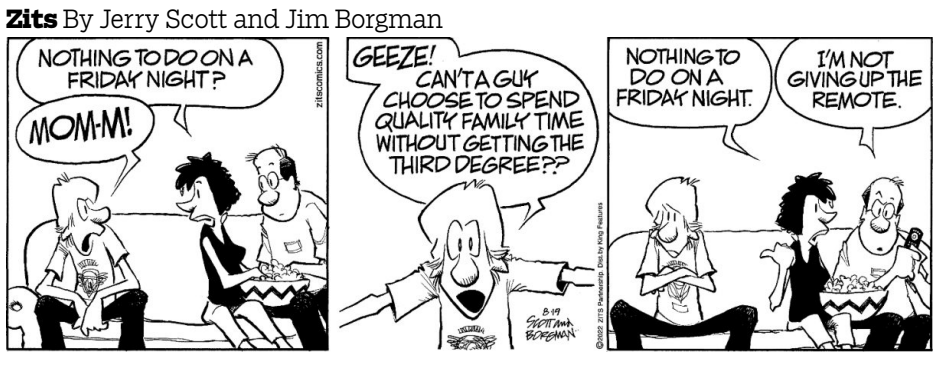
NOTHING TO DO ON A FRIDAY NIGHT?
MOM-M!
GEEZE! CAN'T A GUY CHOOSE TO SPEND QUALITY FAMILY TIME WITHOUT GETTING THE THIRD DEGREE??
NOTHING TO DO ON A FRIDAY NIGHT.
I'M NOT GIVING UP THE REMOTE.
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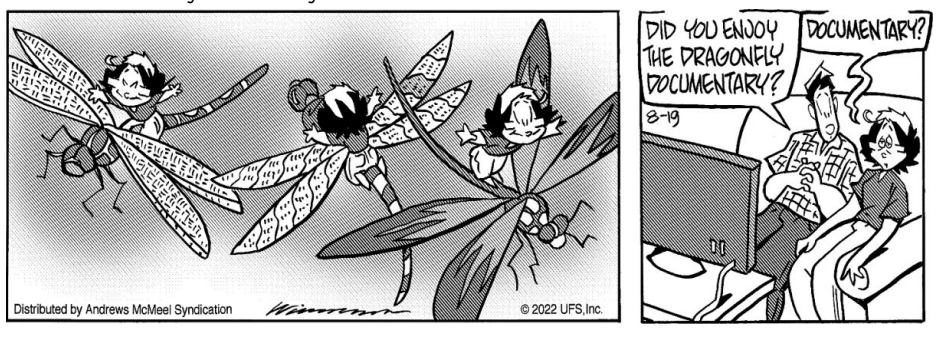

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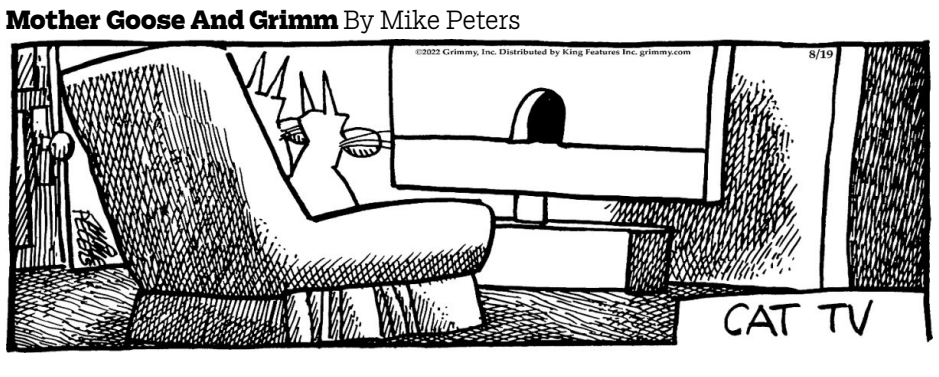


CROSSWORD

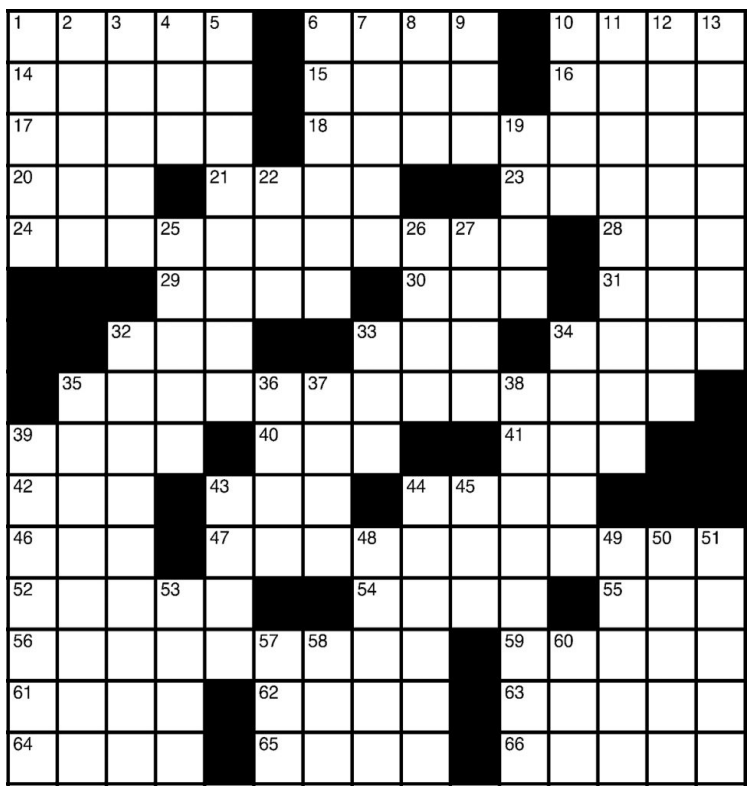
EDITED BY RICH NORRIS AND JOYCE NICHOLS LEWIS

Across

1 Diamond-studded watch, e.g.
6 Drama award
10 Greek peak
14 "On the Media" medium
15 Underwhelming
16 Temple athletes
17 Former NBA center who made only one three-point shot in his career
18 *Sounds when Dad is on the roller coaster?
20 Tower of note
21 "You wouldn't __!"
23 Adjective on taco truck menus
24 *Football official who makes the absolute worst calls?
28 Start to cycle?
29 Minute
30 Ingest
31 Margarita condimento
32 Span. title
33 Business closing?
34 Florida NFLers
35 "You can't deny it," and a good question about the answers to the starred clues
39 Old Royale 8's
40 "I hate it"
41 "Trust your __"
42 Exist
43 For
44 Pen pals?
46 Response from the under-whelmed
47 *Extremely poor student?
52 Prefix meaning "light"
54 Bread served with saag paneer
55 Maracanã Stadium city
56 *Woefully inadequate crust on a steak?
59 Single-sex group of experts
61 "Yeah, don't think so"
62 The Hawkeye State
63 Banish
64 Younger sibling, stereotypically
65 Study __
66 Pond plants

Down

1 Far-reaching
2 Poipu patio
3 Notes app entries
4 Actress Long
5 "Well done, you!"
6 Hawk in a duet
7 Bronx cheer leader
8 Co. for surfers
9 Maker of The Hero and The Fixer lip care products
10 Sounds of awe
11 Work-from-home attire, for many
12 The Iditarod, e.g.
13 Goes after
19 Drift, as an aroma
22 @ signs
25 Buenos __
26 Flat bread?
27 A throw
32 Makes fit, in a way
33 "Thereabouts"
34 Rosé
35 "Did you miss us?"
36 100 cents
37 Rangers goalie Shesterkin
38 Kitchen counter?
39 Increases quickly
43 Ruse
44 "Yippee!"
45 O'er and o'er
48 Doodles
49 "Rubber Duckie" singer
50 Sally of "Brothers & Sisters"
51 Red parts of Louboutin shoes
53 Moderate pace
57 Prefix with gender
58 Gardener's tool
60 Logger's tool



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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

Bidding Quiz

Partner bids One Heart, and the next player passes. What would you respond with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠ KQ8 ♥ 103 ♦ QJ42 ♣ AQ96
2. ♠ 752 ♥ K4 ♦ A983 ♣ AK42
3. ♠ KQJ632 ♥ A4 ♦ KJ7 ♣ K6
4. ♠ 10 ♥ Q8743 ♦ 86 ♣ KJ952

* * *

1. Two notrump. This indicates a hand of 13 to 15 high-card points with notrump distribution (4-3-3-3 or 4-4-3-2) and stoppers in the three unbid suits. The two-notrump response tells partner precisely the type of hand you have, usually putting him in an ideal position to choose the best final contract.

Some players might prefer to respond two clubs with this hand, but the fact remains that two notrump is more descriptive of the hand you actually have than the ambiguous two-club response. Simplest is best.

2. Two clubs. Here you can't bid two notrump, as you don't have a spade stopper. The best choice is to bide your time by bidding two clubs and await developments. Your side may very well wind up in three notrump, but partner will have to bid notrump or spades to get you there.

3. Two spades. The jump-shift indicates 17 or more points and interest in slam. It is normally based on one of two types of hands: a hand containing a powerful suit, or a hand with excellent support for partner's suit.

Players who respond one spade with this type of hand often find that there's no good way to tell partner later on about the strong possibility of a slam. The winning approach in the long run is to send the slam message right away.

The jump-shift does not commit your side to a slam. In the present case, for example, if partner's response to two spades were two notrump, you would rebid your spades. If partner then bid three notrump, denying interest in a slam for the second time, you would do best to pass.

4. Four hearts. This is a preemptive bid, pure and simple. It tells partner that you have a reasonably good hand if hearts are trump, but a rather poor hand defensively. Usually, the immediate leap to four is based on at least five trumps, about five to nine high-card points and nearly always a singleton or a void. The primary purpose of the bid is to try to shut the opponents out of the bidding. Thus, in the present case, there is a strong possibility that the opponents can do well in some number of spades, and your four-heart bid will make it that much harder for them to find their fit.

Tomorrow: A double-avoidance play.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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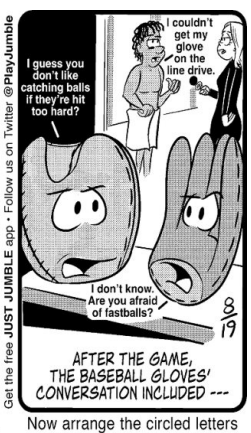
CHAMT

NOUFED

RWUFOR


I guess you don't like catching balls if they're hit too hard?
I couldn't get my glove on the line drive.
I don't know. Are you afraid of fastballs?
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: VIGIL MONEY EXHALE SPLEEN
Answer: Jack Nicholson had some great roles. His acting in Kubrick's 1980 film is a — SHINING EXAMPLE

TODAY'S SUDOKU

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			5		7			
	5	1				3	7	
1	9		8					
	8	5	1			9		
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

5	3	9	8	4	1	7	6	2
6	1	7	5	2	9	8	4	3
4	8	2	3	6	7	5	9	1
3	9	1	4	7	5	2	8	6
8	2	5	6	9	3	4	1	7
7	6	4	1	8	2	3	5	9
1	7	8	9	3	4	6	2	5
9	4	3	2	5	6	1	7	8
2	5	6	7	1	8	9	3	4

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

C	H	E	Z		S	T	P	A	T		A	G	E	S
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J	O	U	R	N	A	L	I	S	M		M	I	C	A
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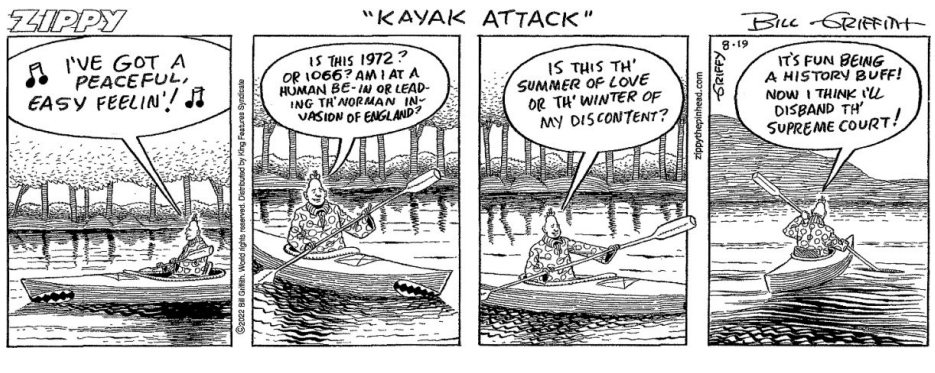
ZIPPY
"KAYAK ATTACK"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'VE GOT A PEACEFUL, EASY FEELIN'!
IS THIS 1972? OR 1066? AM I AT A HUMAN BE-IN OR LEADING TH' NORMAN INVASION OF ENGLAND?
IS THIS TH' SUMMER OF LOVE OR TH' WINTER OF MY DISCONTENT?
IT'S FUN BEING A HISTORY BUFF! NOW I THINK I'LL DISBAND TH' SUPREME COURT!
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SUDOKU

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						3		
	6			8			4	
		4						
9	3		5		2		1	4
				3		8		
	7			2			8	
		1				9		
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Level: 1 2 3 **4**

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4	1	6	2	7	5	8	3	9
3	9	7	6	1	8	4	5	2
9	4	2	7	8	1	3	6	5
8	6	3	5	9	2	7	4	1
1	7	5	3	6	4	2	9	8

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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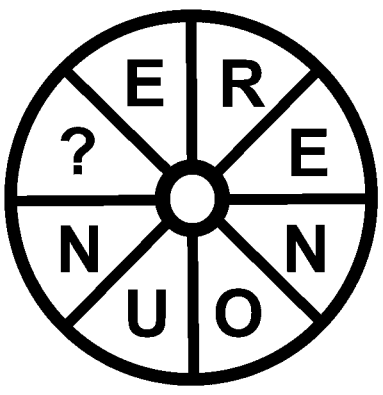

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

RENOUNCE

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: gemstones

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

B	E	N	T	O	N	I	T	E	T	U	R	Q	U	O	I	S	E
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C	I	N	T	I	T	A	N	I	T	E	I	V	L	N	N	I	E
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AMETHYST
AQUAMARINE
BARITE
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BIXBITE
CITRINE
CORAL
DIAMOND
EMERALD
FELDSPAR
GARNET
IOLITE
JADE
JADEITE
JASPER
KUNZITE
KYANITE
MOONSTONE
ONYX
OPAL
PERIDOT
PREHNITE
PYRITE
QUAHOG
QUARTZ
RUBY
SAPPHIRE
SARD
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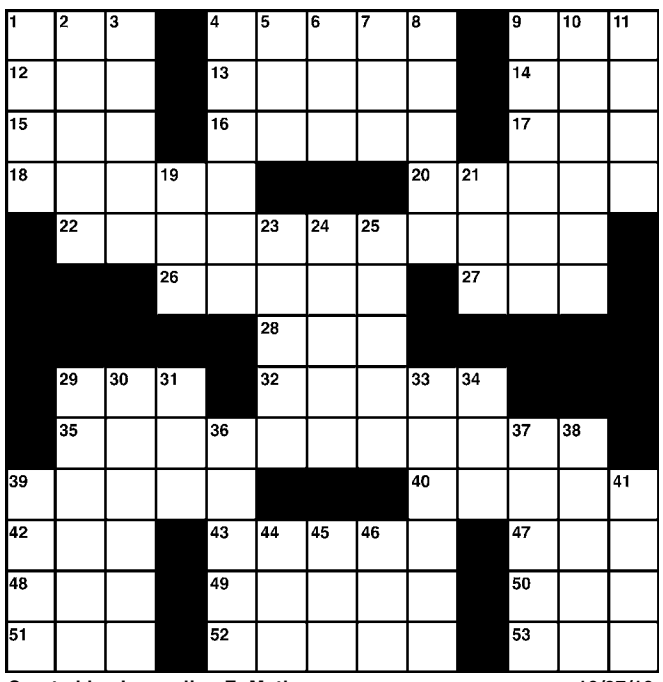

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ACROSS

1 __ Hanna; "NCIS: Los Angeles" role
4 Blanchett's namesakes
9 "I __ Mommy Kissing Santa Claus"
12 Ms. Lupino
13 "Return to __"; reality series
14 Poet Eliot's initials
15 "__ with a Plan"
16 Scenic view; panorama
17 Zambia's continent: abbr.
18 "__! You're on Candid Camera!"
20 Esther of "Good Times"
22 Actor on "NCIS: New Orleans"
26 Gale of "My Little Margie"
27 Q-U connectors
28 "How the West __ Won"
29 "Last Man Standing" role
32 Family of actor Richard
35 Actress on "Grey's Anatomy"
39 Alley cat
40 LBJ's successor
42 Fraternity letter
43 "__ Your Voice"; film for Hilary Duff
47 "The Kids __ Alright"
48 Wide-width shoe
49 Wading bird
50 Actor on "The A-Team"
51 Kildare & Quinn: abbr.
52 Like a bubble bath
53 Signal of distress

DOWN

1 Actor Alastair & his family
2 West & Sandler
3 __-depressive; bipolar
4 Dick __; talk show host of past decades
5 "What Kind of Fool __?"
6 "…'__ the season to be jolly…"
7 Suffix for bold or cold
8 "__ Tank"
9 Drags one's feet
10 __ as a pancake
11 "The Way We __"; Barbra Streisand film
19 Spanish article
21 "Days of __ Lives"
23 "__ Heist"; Stiller/Affleck/Alda movie
24 Actress Sônia __
25 "I __"; Penn/Pfeiffer film
29 Grandma on "The Waltons"
30 Changes; alters
31 Historical period
33 Bob Newhart's age
34 __ Lanka
36 Actor Lew
37 Reasons to study
38 Guy Williams series of old
39 Drove too fast
41 Brooklyn team
44 Not long __; recently
45 Paul's cousin on "Mad About You"
46 Last month: abbr.

S	A	M		C	A	T	E	S		S	A	W		
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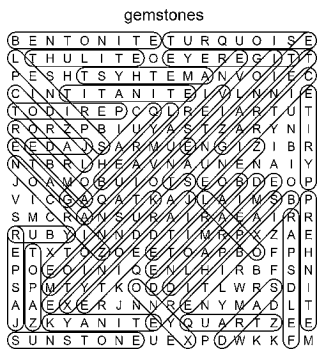

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

What a great, "Hello." Do you like your new home?
Looks like someone missed us.
WHEN THEY GOT BACK HOME, THEIR DOGS GREETED THEM WITH A ——

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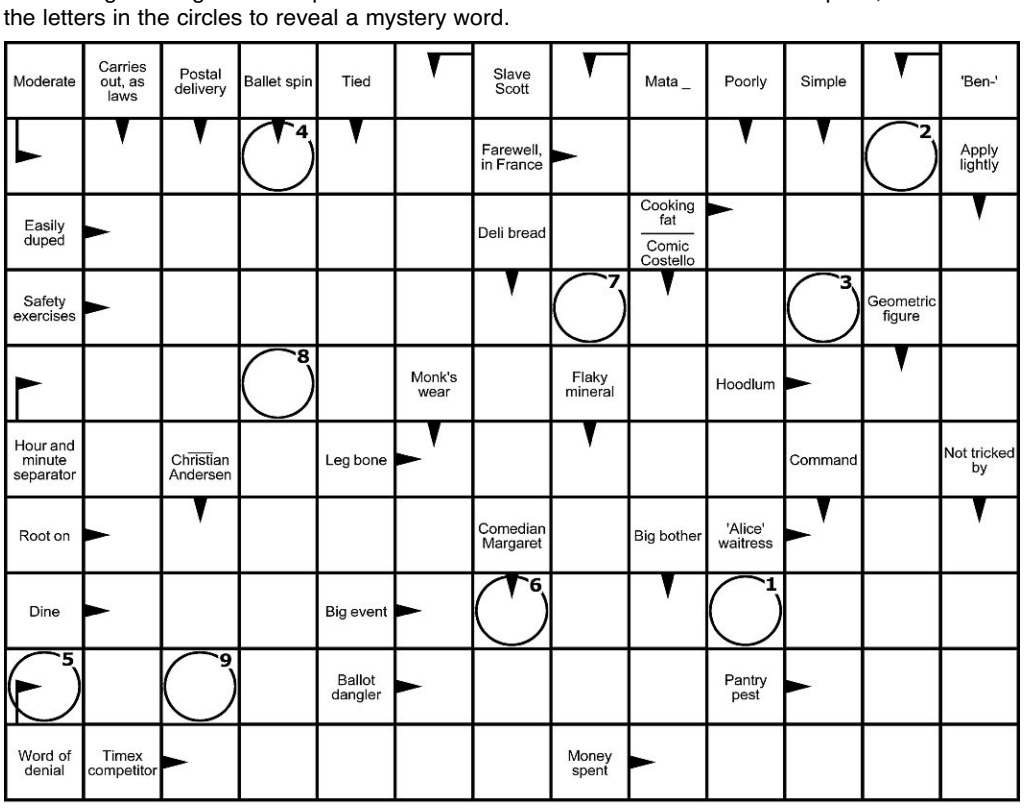
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"_____"

Jumbles: IMPEL WEIGH CANOPY GROWTH
Answer: When they got back home, their dogs greeted them with a — WELCOME "WAGGIN'"

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.



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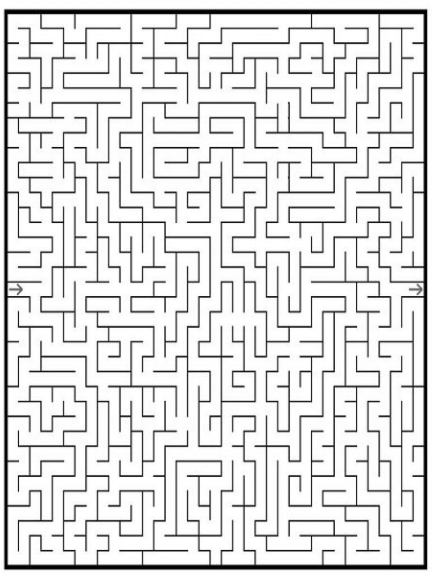

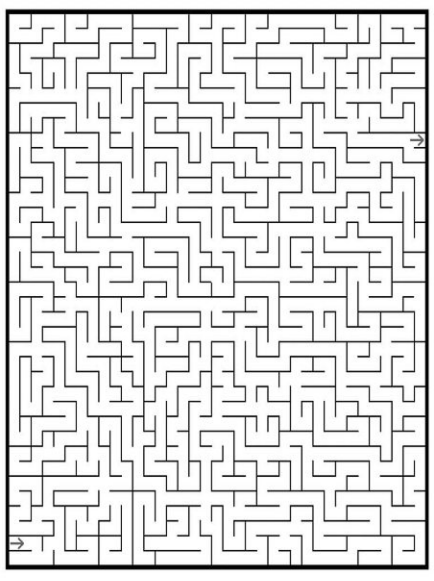

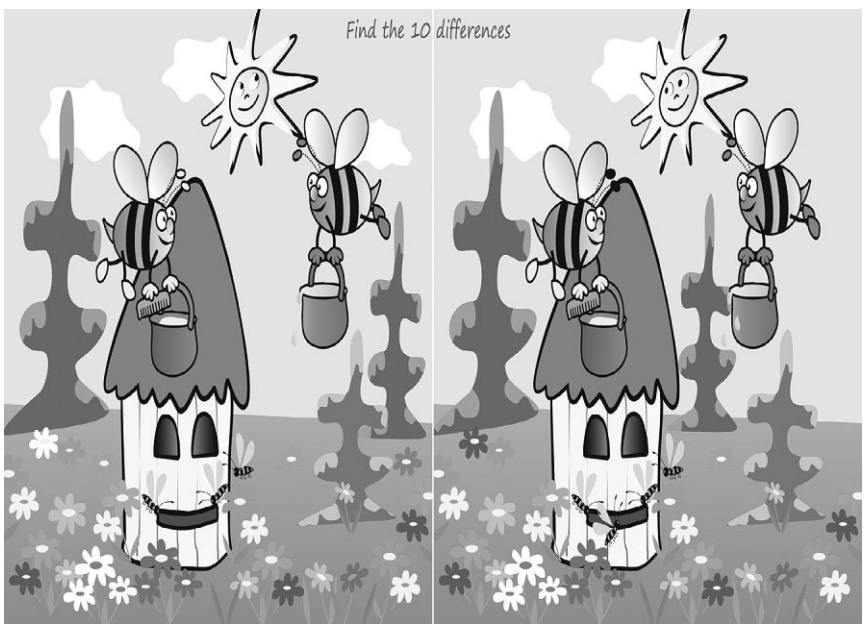

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Estate sale 8/20 8-1pm 49 Deerfield Rd, Somers CT. Antique furniture, glassware, art. Household, yard, power equip, decor, car stuff; most like new

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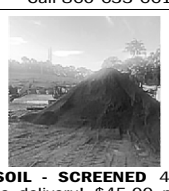

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Lost/Found

IMPOUNDED - #41 Bulldog Mix, F, Brown & White, #42 Pitbull Mix, M, Black & White, #44 Chihuahua Mix, M, Tan & White, Call Harford PD 860-757-4000

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CADILLAC ELDORADO 1998 - $4200 great body, low miles, 4200 obo 860-508-9310 Dave

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Connecticut

Request For Quotation #04-2205A

The State of Connecticut Judicial Branch invites qualified contractors to submit quotations to provide receipt printers, cash drawers and register displays for a statewide application.

Quotations must be received by 11:30 A.M. on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2022. Late bids will not be accepted.

VENDORS CURRENTLY REGISTERED UNDER THE STATE'S SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE PROGRAM ARE ENCOURAGED TO BID.

Bid package may be obtained by accessing the Judicial Branch Purchasing Services web site below at:.

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Request For Quotation #04-2208A

The State of Connecticut Judicial Branch invites qualified contractors to submit quotations for CITRIX load balancer hardware, software and support in the Hartford, Connecticut area.

Quotations must be received by 11:30 A.M. on FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022. Late bids will not be accepted.

VENDORS CURRENTLY REGISTERED UNDER THE STATE'S SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE PROGRAM ARE ENCOURAGED TO BID.

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PROPERTY AUCTION

The tax collectors of the Town of Manchester and/or the Eighth Utilities District have levied upon the following properties in Manchester and slated them for public auction to satisfy delinquent taxes and charges under C.G.S. § 12-157. Volume and page numbers refer to the Town's land records; maps refer to the Town's assessment maps. Unless paid, these properties will be auctioned in "as is" condition at 10:00 a.m. on October 13, 2022 at the Lincoln Center at 494 Main Street in Manchester.

45 Henry Street (Volume 4386 Page 36) owned by American Eagle Financial Credit Union, owing $27,436.99.

120 Eldridge Street (Volume 3869 Page 203) owned by Braiden Realty Solutions LLC, rescheduled after postponement from a previous auction date.

186 Green Road (Volume 3654 Page 194) owned by Estate of Esteline Brooks a/k/a Esterline Brooks, owing $29,262.94. Jacqueline Anderson; Marjorie Madden; Charles Jensen; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Esteline Brooks may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

25 Radding Street (Volume 4274 Volume 61) owned by Janine M. Griffin, owing $29,434.07.

187 Homestead Street, Unit E-11 (Volume 4190 Page 205) owned by Denise Kirlew, owing $11,131.02. Woodland Manor Condominium Association, Inc. may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

68 Turnbull Road (Volume 3391 Page 59) owned by John D. LaBelle, Jr., Dan E. LaBelle and Richard C. Woodhouse, as Co-Trustees of the Residuary Trust Under the Will of Alexander Jarvis, owing $1,563.02. Clifford Rautenberg or his Estate; Eric Rautenberg or his Estate; Louis Wright or his Estate; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Alice C. Jarvis may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

583 Hartford Road, Unit 9 (Volume 3660 Page 61) owned by Estate of Robert J. Lockery, owing $5,913.38. Sally Masse; William Lockery; KeyBank, N.A.. itself and as successor to First Niagara Bank; Crest Condominium Association, Inc.; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Robert J. Lockery may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

50 Nutmeg Drive (Volume 714 Page 147) owned by Stanislaw Michalak and Krystyna C. Michalak, owing $27,709.19.

38 Deerfield Drive (Volume 2839 Page 63) owned by Deborah E. Morse, owing $14,237.65. American Eagle Financial Credit Union may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

585 Center Street a/k/a 585-587 Center Street (Volume 4125 Page 147) owned by Glenn Packer or his Estate, owing $23,876.32. Jonna Lynn Rubera; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Glenn Packer may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

31 Coleman Road (Volume 421 Page 120) owned by George J. Ringstone or his Estate and Shirley B. Ringstone, owing $18,998.92. Allen C. Ringstone; KeyBank, N.A. as successor to The Savings Bank of Manchester; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of George J. Ringstone may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

39 Litchfield Street (Volume 2039 Page 83) owned by Thomas W. Rohde, owing $18,728.42. KeyBank, N.A. as successor to The Savings Bank of Manchester and Jefferson Radiology, PC may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

21 Reed Drive (Volume 1312 Page 79) owned by John E. Strohecker or his Estate and Mary S. Strohecker, owing $13,416.35. Craig Strohecker; Lori Westlund; Philip Strohecker; Tracy Strohecker; Webster Bank, N.A.; Shawmut Mortgage Company d/b/a Connecticut National Mortgage Company and/or JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as its successor; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of John E. Strohecker may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

320 Wetherell Street (Map 50 Block 5980 Lot 320) owned by Stanley S. Swetz, owing $24,055.35.

41 Depot Street (Volume 3208 Page 340) owned by Nguyen Trinh, owing $31,782.20. Webster Bank, N.A. as successor to Manchester State Bank; ECHN d/b/a Manchester Memorial & Rockville General Hospital, Inc.; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; and the United States Internal Revenue Service; may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

84A Hamlin Street (Volume 2113 Page 252) owned by Urban Suburban Affordables, Inc., owing $7,125.56. Celestine Smith or her Estate and Adrianna Pizarro may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

117 New Bolton Road (Volume 4587 Page 806) owned by Thomas Warnick, owing $14,826.91.

The dollar amounts listed are through the end of last month. Additional taxes, interest, fees, and other charges authorized by law accruing after the last day of the month immediately preceding this notice are owed in addition to the amount indicated as due and owing in this notice.

Bidders must present $5,000 per property in certified funds payable to "Pullman & Comley, Trustee" on the day of the sale, and the winning bidder must pay the balance of the sale price within 5 days or forfeit that deposit. Absent a redemption, the purchaser will take title "free and clear" six months after the auction except for certain encumbrances. Details at www.cttaxsales.com.
8/19/2022 7273257

Request for Proposals for Design-Build Chimney Repair Services

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #4, Deep River, Connecticut is requesting proposals from highly-qualified and licensed general contractors, to complete a Design-Rebuild of the Main Chimney Stack at Valley Regional High School. A full Request for Proposal is available at www.reg4.k12.ct.us. Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 PM on August 26, 2022.
8/5, 8/12, 8/19/2022 7261859

LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
TOWN OF PORTLAND, CONNECTICUT
CATCH BASIN CLEANING – BID # 2023-02

Sealed bids will be received by the Office of the Director of Finance, Room 204, Portland Town Hall, PO. Box 71, 33 East Main Street, Portland, Connecticut 06480-0071 until 11:00 a.m. on September 1, 2022. Immediately, thereafter, bids will be opened publicly.

Bids submitted after the time set for the bid opening will not be accepted. Each bidder must submit a single sealed envelope; the outside of which must be clearly marked **"Bid #2023-02 Enclosed – Catch Basin Cleaning – DO NOT OPEN."**

Specifications are available from the Finance Director's Office, Portland Town Hall, PO. Box 71, 33 East Main Street, Portland, Connecticut, 06480-0071.

All bids will be considered valid for a period of sixty (60) days. Questions may be directed to Michael Lastrina, Interim Director of Public Works at 860-342-6733.

The right is reserved by the Town of Portland to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities or defects in bids, to make such extension as may be necessary in order to review and compare bids and to accept the bids that, in the judgment of the Town of Portland, will be in the Town's best interests.

Submitted by Tom Robinson, Director of Finance
Dated: August 19, 2022
8/19/22 7273184

Notification of Aquatic Treatment
Coventry Lake – Coventry

In accordance with the Connecticut DEEP, Pesticide Division notification requirements, portions of Coventry Lake in Coventry will be chemically treated with the USEPA/CT DEEP registered aquatic herbicide Sonar ONE (fluridone) to control non-native Hydrilla on August 22nd. The lake will be closed to swimming on the day of treatment. There is no restriction on boating or fishing and the CT DEEP boat ramp will remain open. Additionally, use of water from the pond for irrigating newly seeded turf/plants and certain plants (including tomatoes, peppers, tobacco) from the Solanaceae Family is restricted until October 21st. There is no irrigation restriction for established turf, trees, shrubs and plants not within the Solanaceae Family. Applicable water use restrictions will be posted with signs prior to application in accordance with CT DEEP requirements.

The work is being performed for the CT DEEP and Town of Coventry pursuant to a permit issued by the CT DEEP Information on the application may be obtained from the person named below. The treatment is being performed by the state licensed firm SOLitude Lake Management, of Shrewsbury, MA. Contact: Dominic Meringolo (508) 865-1000.
8/19/22 7273546

State of Connecticut
Court of Probate, Central Connecticut
Regional Children's Probate Court District

NOTICE TO Carlos Gonzalez, whose last known residence was in the city of Hartford. Pursuant to an order of Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge, a hearing will be held at Central Connecticut Regional Children's Probate Court, 1501 East Main Street, Suite 203, Meriden, CT 06450 on October 12, 2022 at 10:30 AM on a petition for Temporary Custody Pending Removal of Guardian concerning a certain minor child born on April 29, 2009. The court's decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears.

RIGHT TO COUNSEL: If the above-named person wishes to have an attorney, but is unable to pay for one, the court will provide an attorney upon proof of inability to pay. Any such request should be made immediately by contacting the court office where the hearing is to be held.

By order of the court
Philip A. Wright, Jr., Administrative Judge
8/19/2022 7273552

TOWN OF ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DIVISION
ON-CALL FERTILIZATION OF TOWN AND BOARD OF EDUCATION TURF AREAS

August 19, 2022

Sealed proposals for the services named above will be received at the Office of the Director of Finance until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Thereafter, proposals will be opened in public and read aloud or opened and read aloud pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders. Responses received after this date and time will not be accepted.

Specifications and proposal documents may be obtained from the Office of the Director of Public Works, Stanley E. Jablonski DPW Complex, 40 Moody Road, Enfield, CT 06082, telephone number (860) 763-7599 or the Town's website, www.enfield-ct.gov.

The Town of Enfield reserves the right to accept or reject any, all, or any part of proposals, to waive formalities or informalities and to award the proposal deemed to be in the best interests of the Town.

The Town of Enfield is an Affirmative Action/ Equal Opportunity Employer. Disadvantaged, minority, small and women-owned business enterprises are encouraged to respond.

John A. Wilcox
Director of Finance
EOE/AA
8/19/22 7272443

Town of Portland
Invitation to Bid for
Brush Grinding and Removal-Portland Transfer Station
Bid #2023-03

The Town of Portland is accepting bids for the grinding and removal of brush located at the Portland Transfer Station. Bids will be received for Bid #2023-03 until 11:30 a.m. EST on September 1, 2022 at the Office of the Director of Finance, Room 204, located at 33 East Main Street, PO. Box 71, Portland, CT 06480-0071. Immediately thereafter, proposals will be opened publicly opened.

All sealed bids must be marked **"Bid 2023-03 – Brush Grinding & Removal – DO NOT OPEN"** and submitted on forms in accordance with specifications obtained in the Office of Director of Finance – Room 204.

Bid documents can be obtained by emailing trobinson@portlandct.org or are available from the Finance Director's Office, Portland Town Hall, PO. Box 71, 33 East Main Street, Portland, Connecticut, 06480-0071.

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Submitted by: Tom E. Robinson, Director of Finance
Dated: August 19, 2022
8/19/22 7273200

STATE OF CONECTICUT
SUPERIOR COURT
JUVENILE MATTER

ORDER OF NOTICE

Notice To: John Doe, father of child born to Melissa G on 5/29/08
of parts unknown.
A petition has been filed seeking:
Termination of parental rights of the above named child(ren).
The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be
heard on: 9/16/22 @ 12:30pm at SCJM 25 School Street, Rockville, CT 06066
Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice once, immediately upon receipt, in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in the town/city of East Hartford, CT

Name of Judge Honorable Jassette Henry
Signed K Benegyani Date signed
8/18/22

Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure an attorney is provided to you by the Chief Public Defender. Request for an attorney should be made immediately in person, by mail, or by fax at the court office where your hearing is to be held.
8/19/22 7273719

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MINI BERNADOODLE - Millerstown, PA. $1,950, 3 Males, ready! 717-823-8512 hilltopheritagemtndogs.com

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WEATHER

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Mostly sunny and very warm. West wind at 5 to 10 mph.	Partly sunny, very warm and more humid.	Partly sunny, very warm and moderately humid.	Variable cloudiness and moderately humid, chance for afternoon showers and thunderstorms.	Mixed clouds, some sun, chance for showers and thunderstorms.
HIGH 89° LOW 65°	HIGH 89° LOW 64°	HIGH 88° LOW 66°	HIGH 81° LOW 67°	HIGH 83° LOW 65°

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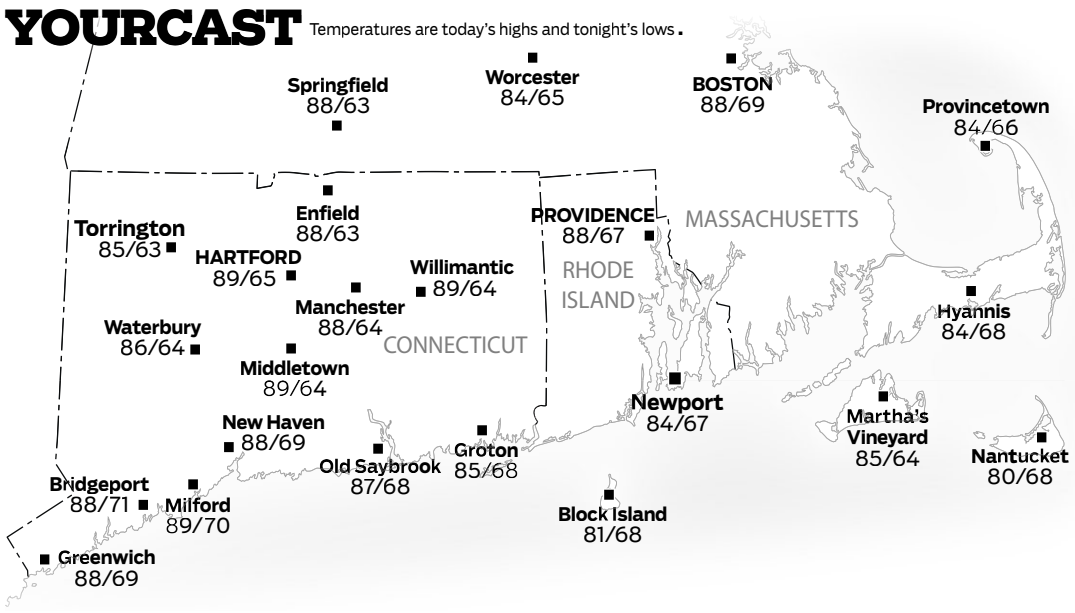
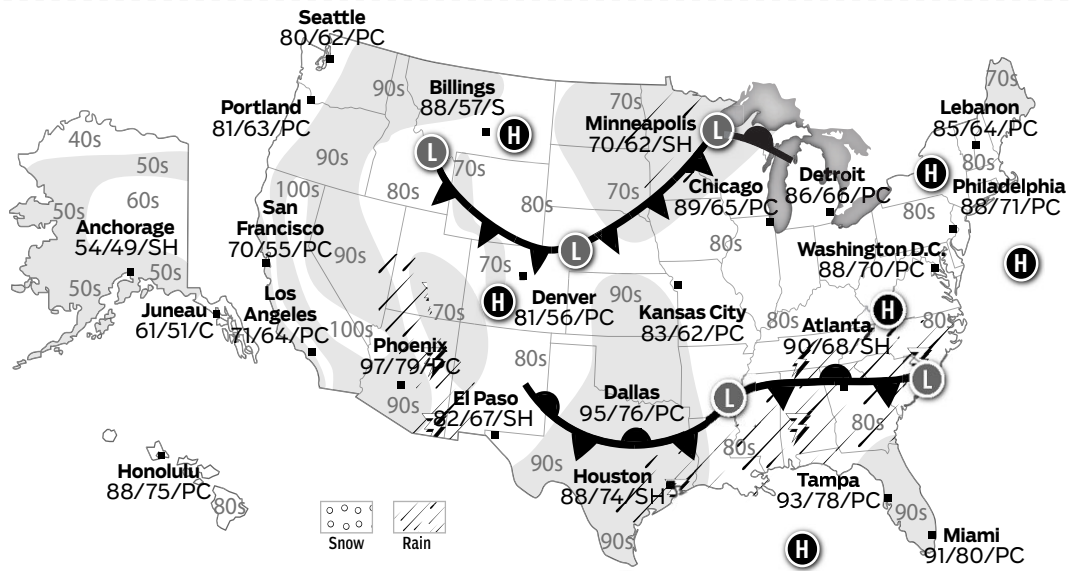
YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.





OUTLOOK

The U.S. Drought Monitor reported the latest drought conditions on Thursday and the news is getting worse. Eastern portions of New London and Windham Counties are now classified as an extreme drought, D3, while much of Fairfield and New Haven Counties are in a moderate drought, D1. The rest of the state is in a severe drought, D2. While there have been a few light showers around recently, it hasn't had any impact. At this point, the fastest relief is some sort of tropical system moving through. There is nothing on the horizon and that would cause its own impact issues.

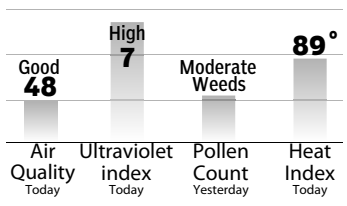
-Gary Lessor

ALMANAC

Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 5 p.m.)	Trace	0.14
Month to date	2.48	2.63
Total this year	25.31	28.97

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

Air Quality Forecast For Today

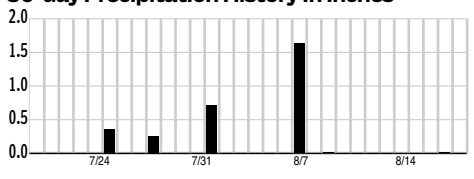


	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:03 a.m.	6:04 a.m.
Sunset	7:46 p.m.	7:45 p.m.
Moonrise	11:51 p.m.	a.m.
Moonset	2:27 p.m.	3:30 p.m.

Moon Phase

New	First	Full	Last
Aug 27	Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 17

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	3:48 a.m. 4:24 p.m.	10:11 a.m. 11:16 p.m.	72°
Saybrook Jetty	4:59 a.m. 5:35 p.m.	11:04 a.m. p.m.	73°
Connecticut River at Portland	7:42 a.m. 8:18 p.m.	2:56 a.m. 2:50 p.m.	
Madison	5:21 a.m. 5:41 p.m.	11:19 a.m. p.m.	75°
New Haven	5:41 a.m. 6:01 p.m.	11:43 a.m. p.m.	76°
Stamford	5:45 a.m. 6:05 p.m.	11:47 a.m. p.m.	76°

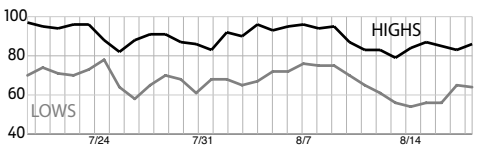
River Stage at Hartford: 1.75 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
Weather	MSunny	MSunny	MSunny
Wind	W/SW, 5-10	W/SW, 5-10	W/SW, 5-15
Seas	1 ft.	1 ft.	1-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Thursday	86 at 1:16 p.m	64 at 1:35 a.m
Normal for date	83	62
Record for date	96 in 2002	45 in 1941
A year ago	84	68
Range this year	97	-2

Cooling Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For Jan 1 - Aug 18	836	640	709

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	29.89 at 12 a.m.	29.83 at 4 p.m.
Dew point	57° at 1 a.m.	54° at 3 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND			
Bangor	79	56	PC
Burlington	82	60	PC
Caribou	72	57	C
Concord	84	55	S
Montpelier	80	56	PC
Mt. Wash.	54	49	PC
Portland	85	59	PC
Woods Hole	82	66	S
NATION			
Albany	85	61	PC
Albuquerque	84	62	PC
Atlantic City	87	65	S
Baltimore	87	69	PC
Bismarck	77	55	C
Boise	88	70	C
Buffalo	84	64	PC
Charleston	84	73	T
Cincinnati	86	64	PC
Cleveland	84	64	PC
Indianapolis	87	65	PC
Jacksonville	91	69	T
Las Vegas	102	83	PC
Miami Beach	88	82	PC
Milwaukee	84	65	PC
Nashville	89	68	PC
New Orleans	87	75	T
New York	87	71	PC
Okla. City	92	70	S
Omaha	82	61	PC
Orlando	95	76	PC
Pittsburgh	84	63	PC
Raleigh	82	67	SH
St. Louis	88	69	PC
Salt Lake City	85	63	PC
San Antonio	92	76	SH
San Diego	75	67	PC
San Juan	89	78	SH
Tucson	89	74	T
WORLD			
Amsterdam	76	57	SH
Athens	101	79	S
Bangkok	93	77	SH
Barbados	85	78	SH
Beijing	88	71	S
Beirut	85	78	S
Berlin	75	64	SH
Bermuda	87	80	PC
Budapest	97	72	SH
Buenos Aires	62	46	S
Cairo	101	76	S
Cancun	91	79	PC
Dubai	101	87	PC
Dublin	70	59	PC
Edinburgh	67	53	SH
Helsinki	80	67	SH
Hong Kong	84	76	SH
Istanbul	88	73	S
Jerusalem	86	67	S
Johannesburg	58	36	S
Kingston	91	76	SH
Lisbon	94	68	S
London	78	56	SH
Madrid	88	64	S
Mexico City	72	53	SH
Milan	80	62	SH
Montreal	83	66	PC
Moscow	82	62	C
Nassau	88	82	S
New Delhi	89	77	SH
Paris	80	59	SH
Prague	81	65	SH
Rio de Janeiro	74	66	SH
Rome	83	67	SH
Seoul	89	72	PC
Singapore	89	78	SH
Stockholm	82	67	PC
Sydney	67	50	SH
Tel Aviv	89	74	S
Tokyo	86	74	SH
Toronto	81	68	S
Vancouver	80	62	PC
Warsaw	89	68	PC

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

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